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WASHINGTON.

THE MOIETIES QUESTION.

OUTLINE OF THE FUTURE PROCEEDINGS—ACTION ON THE GREENBACK QUESTION DEMANDED—THE DEMOCRATS AND THE RAILROAD QUESTION.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—The examination of the subject of moieties will probably occupy the greater part if not all of another week. As stated last night, the members of the Ways and Means Committee are unanimously in favor of some change in existing laws, but they may have some difficulty in agreeing upon the details of a bill. The prejudice against the moiety system is very strong, and if a direct vote could be taken in the House to-morrow on a proposition to repeal all laws under which moieties are allowed, it is admitted by those who oppose any material change that there would be a very large majority in favor of repeal. What effect a delay of a week or a month may have is quite uncertain, but it is hardly possible that it will aid the cause of the merchants and traders seeking modifications of the law. Mr. Jackson S. Schultz will conclude his argument before the committee to-morrow, being allowed as much time as he may desire. Mr. Robins, of New-York, will follow Mr. Schultz. Two representatives of the National Board of Trade, Mr. Stevens, of New-York, and Mr. Lewis, of Boston, will be heard by the committee. Mr. Moulton, of New-York, in behalf of Woodruff & Robinson, who were alluded to by Mr. Jayne, will appear in their behalf. It is now expected that after the conclusion of Mr. Moulton's statement, Mr. Jayne will be cross-examined by the counsel of the New-York and Boston committees. Messrs. S. B. Eaton & Hyde have been requested by the committee to prepare and present briefs, and this presentation having been made, after the conclusion of the cross-examination of Jayne the merchants will rest their case. The committee will then give audience to the representatives of the Government and officers from the Custom-houses at New-York and Boston, many of whom are expected before the committee. Mr. A. B. Cornell, of New-York, has already arrived. If the Custom-house officers expect to secure a retention of the moieties which they now receive they must come prepared to overcome by incontrovertible facts and arguments a very strong influence and prejudice that is flowing just now like a tide against the existing laws.

THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.

The Senate Committee on Transportation now expect to have ready their report by Friday next. The committee has not as yet agreed upon a report. Some time since, after an interchange of opinion, having been unable to arrive at any definite conclusion as to the nature of the report or its recommendations, the committee requested the Chairman, Senator Windom, to draw up a report such as the nature of the evidence and the necessities of the country seemed to require. This report has not yet been concluded, nor have its contents been communicated to the committee. Senator Windom expects to conclude the report by the last of the week, and to submit it to the committee for approval or rejection on Friday next. It is now impossible to state whether the committee will approve or reject the report of the Chairman, and whether there will be one report or several.

THE GREENBACK QUESTION.

Letters are constantly pouring in upon members of Congress from all parts of the country, asking for the expression of the will of Congress as to the issue of the $44,000,000 legal-tender reserve. The pressure has become very great for some definite action. The letters represent that it is of less consequence what action is taken than that there should be action, speedy and definite. Two or three times efforts have been made, by the introduction of resolutions under a suspension of the rules on Monday, to get an expression of the sense of the House upon this subject. Another attempt will probably be made to-morrow, and may obtain at least the majority necessary to secure a call of the roll under a motion to suspend the rules. If the House should be brought to a direct vote it would probably show that the sentiment of a very large majority favors the fixing of the greenback circulation absolutely at $400,000,000.

RAILROAD FREIGHTS AND FARES.

The members of the House Committee on Railways and Canals are quite confident of the passage by the House of the McCrary bill, which provides for the appointment of a Commissioner to regulate freights and fares on railroads. A Western member will propose an amendment depriving the Commissioners of the power to regulate freights and fares, and providing that they shall constitute a sort of intermediary court of appeals between the railroads and aggrieved parties. The amendment proposes to leave the power to fix rates of freight and fares with the railroads, and to empower this commission, in all cases of grievances on account of alleged extortionate rates, to have summary powers, through the medium of the United States courts, to correct the evil. There are indications that the Democratic Party will divide upon this question. It is well known that Mr. Holman, of Indiana, notwithstanding his State rights views, will vote for the appointment of a commission, and it is now believed that he will support the bill in a speech. The bill will also be supported by Messrs. Wolfe, of Indiana, and Stone, of Missouri, Democrats. It is a fact worthy of notice that some of the Democrats who have taken such high State rights views on this subject have already introduced bills asking for the chartering of inter-State railroads with subsidies.

GEN. HOWARD'S CASE.

The Howard Court of Inquiry will begin its sessions on Wednesday. It is now expected that Gen. McDowell will be able to attend the court, as the resolution does not limit the number of the court to five. It is believed that Col. Miles will be retained as a member, making the court to consist of six besides the Judge Advocate.

DISTRICT AFFAIRS.

The District investigation has thus far amounted to very little, and has shown no mismanagement in those matters that have been examined. The fact is clearly established that, instead of money raised for the support of schools having been diverted to other purposes, more money has been paid for schools than has been received from taxes for that purpose, large amounts of which are delinquent and not yet collected. The next subject of investigation will be the failure to pay the Metropolitan Police regularly and promptly. The memorialists, in accordance with the notice given them by the committee that specific charges must be presented by next Wednesday or Thursday, will, it is understood, suggest three subjects for investigation as preliminary to other charges which they have in course of preparation: First, They charge the existence of a paving ring to secure paving [illegible] and, of course, their allegation of a fraudulent connection of the officers of the District Government with the letting of the contracts, and the receipt by them of a portion of the profits. They charge, also, that changes in the kind of pavement to be laid, and in the grades of streets, were made by the Board of Public Works with the same fraudulent purpose. The third allegation is that of false measurements in excavations and pavements. These specifications are certainly indefinite enough in their character, but that makes little difference if the memorialists can sustain them by direct and specific evidence. These charges are not new. They have been made in the "independent press" for many months. There is very little doubt that paving rings may be discovered, and that connected with them may be found people who, from their position as public officers, were supposed to have or to be able to secure influence for obtaining contracts. Whether it will be found that any officer of the District responsible for the letting of contracts has had any connection, directly or indirectly, with the profits of work that has been done, is quite another question, which can only be determined after the testimony is submitted. All the papers are so arranged that any one contract, and the certificates of measurement, vouchers for money paid, and all the papers relating thereto, can be taken from the files at a moment's notice. The memorialists and their counsel have free access to these papers. Members of the committee are also examining particular cases to which attention is called, and nearly all day Saturday Judge Wilson was at the committee-room, calling for and examining different contracts and sets of vouchers. The officers of the District say that they have nothing whatever to conceal, and invite the fullest and most complete examination. If the memorialists have any sensational testimony to present, they will most likely be compelled to relieve the suspense of the public by laying it, or some part of it, before the committee during the present week.

THE COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS.

Gen. Baker, Commissioner of Pensions, is now absent from the city. When he returns he will probably appear before the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and present a statement of certain facts relative to the charges against him which have been referred to that committee. These charges are the same that were made by some newspapers last Fall. Gen. Baker's friends claim they are utterly unfounded. The source from which they come does not obtain for the charges very great consideration.

ADMISSION OF EVIDENCE IN PENSION CASES.

The Secretary of the Interior has recently, on appeal, overruled a decision of the Commissioner of Pensions, which, if followed, will relieve Congress of at least one-half of the pension bills annually brought before it. The Commissioner of Pensions has long held that no evidence, however positive and comprehensive, could be permitted to overcome any record evidence of the Bureau. This decision has excluded a very great many deserving cases. Representative Rusk, of Wisconsin, in order to test the question, recently took an appeal from the Commissioner of Pensions. The facts upon which the appeal was taken, were these: The Surgeon who discharged the soldier certified that the disability existed prior to enlistment; but the Surgeon who mustered him in, and the family physician swore that the disability did not exist prior to enlistment. Their statements were substantiated by five of his neighbors and two of his comrades, who swore that the disability did not commence until six months after enlistment. This evidence is supported by the sworn statement of the soldier himself. The appeal being taken, the Secretary of the Interior has decided that this evidence outside the record may be admitted. The number of pension bills now before the House Committee on Invalid Pensions, is very great. It is believed that if this ruling of Secretary Delano is not changed, at least one-half of these pending cases could be relegated to the jurisdiction of the Commissioner of Pensions and the Department of the Interior without the necessity of special legislation.

Dispatch to the Associated Press.

THE DURELL INVESTIGATION.

The Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives expect to close their hearing of the testimony in the Durell impeachment case next Tuesday, when they will take the evidence of Mr. Sanger, a lawyer of New-York City, who has been engaged in certain bankruptcy proceedings in New-Orleans, about which the sub-committee heard various reports when in that city recently.

THE BUSTEED CASE.

The testimony in the Busteed impeachment case will also be closed this week, there remaining but one more witness for examination.

THE IMPEACHMENT OF JUDGE STORY.

The hearing of testimony in support of the petition for the impeachment of Judge Story, the United States District Judge for Arkansas, will be commenced at noon to-morrow, previous to which time a special meeting will be held for consideration of the famous Chorpenning claim.

THE BANKRUPTCY BILL.

The Judiciary Committee are still working on the Bankruptcy bill, going over it very carefully, line by line, but expect to be able to report it in about a week. They will then resume consideration of the bill for the distribution of the Geneva award, and hope to mature it without much more delay. The pressure of business upon this committee has been almost unprecedented during the present session.

MR. GARFIELD CORRECTS MR. KELLEY'S STATEMENTS.

Representative Garfield yesterday replied to Mr. Kelley's criticism of the statement in his speech concerning the reduction of taxation since 1866 by saying that the amounts of reduction, as stated in his speech, were correct. The only error was the clerical or typographical error in the printing of the speech, which should read "internal revenue duties," instead of "customs duties." The acts of 1866, 1867, and 1868 reduced the duties on internal revenue but not on customs. The error was merely a verbal one, and did not affect either the amounts or the given argument in Mr. Garfield's speech.

THE PROPOSED NEW SHIPPING LAW.

One of the most prominent coastwise steam-ship owners has been here urging upon the members of both Houses of Congress the justice and necessity of the prompt passage of the bill prepared by the counsel of the New-York Ship-owners' Association. In the complaints he presents against the Shipping Commissioner of New-York it is alleged that the shipping merchants of New-York are, under the existing law, entirely at his mercy.

ASSASSINATION OF A MISSIONARY IN MEXICO.

BOSTON, March 8.—The *Traveller* of last evening says: "It will be remembered that the American Board sent two young men to Guadalajara, Mexico, in the Autumn of 1872, to engage in the missionary work in Jalisco. They have been much encouraged in their labors, and it was recently decided that one of them, Rev. J. L. Stephens, should commence operations in Ahualnico, about ninety miles from the home of his associate. He had been very active, and apparently successful in his efforts, and, though there had been a good deal of opposition, he wrote on the 31st of December that it had entirely ceased. But a telegram received this forenoon at the missionary rooms contains the following sad announcement: 'March 2—Stephens assassinated in Ahualnico. Body horribly mutilated.' Thus has fallen a noble young man at the beginning of a most hopeful endeavor."

ENGLISH POLITICS.

THE NEW GOVERNMENT—THE LIBERAL PARTY.

From Our Own Correspondent.

LONDON, Saturday, Feb. 21, 1874.

The new Cabinet is now formed. It will consist of only twelve members, two less than Mr. Gladstone's; and Mr. Disraeli has contented himself with a single Duke. There were five in his former Administration, of whom two were in the Cabinet—the Duke of Marlborough, as President of the Council, and the Duke of Buckingham, as Colonial Secretary. The Duke of Richmond now occupies the place of the Duke of Marlborough, and the Duke of Buckingham is also included in the new Ministry. The Ministers are equally divided between the two Houses of Parliament—six in each. There were six peers also in Mr. Gladstone's Cabinet, the rest being in the Commons. Both in administrative ability and oratorical force the Conservative Government will be very strong in the House of Lords. The new Chancellor, (Lord Cairns,) Lord Derby, Lord Salisbury, and Lord Carnarvon are all ready and powerful debaters; and the Duke of Richmond, though not exactly an orator, always commands attention. Mr. Cardwell (Lord Rivington) and Mr. Chichester Fortescue (Lord Carlingford) have been sent up to strengthen the Liberal Party in the Lords, but they are both rather tame speakers, after Lord Granville's fashion, and the preponderance of dash and vigor will remain with the other side.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LIBERALS.

In the House of Commons, however, the Liberals will still be strong. With the exception of Mr. Disraeli himself, and perhaps Mr. Hardy, who is an effective, though essentially commonplace speaker, there is hardly anybody on the Treasury Bench who can be regarded as an orator, assuredly no one equal in that respect to Mr. Gladstone, Mr. Lowe, and Mr. Bright. All the brilliancy of the new Government, save for as much as comes from the Premier, will be concentrated in the Upper House. Mr. Disraeli's companions in the Commons are steady, respectable men of average intelligence, who will probably do their work very well, and keep on good terms with the House, but who will certainly not shine in debate. Mr. Hardy, who made a great reputation formerly at the Home Office, goes to the War Office. It is a place that needs a man with a stiff back to keep the military element in order, and Mr. Hardy's back is supposed to be the stiffest that is available. The Conservatives of course sympathize with the officers, but they have to take care that they do not push these sympathies so far as to get themselves into trouble with the public. Mr. Ward Hunt, who was a passable Chancellor of the Exchequer in Mr. Disraeli's Administration, but did not show much originality or grasp of his work, is now First Lord of the Admiralty, where his financial experience will probably enable him to resist the tendency of the permanent staff to profuse expenditure. There is a tradition at Oxford that Mr. Hunt is portrayed in Hobbes, of Clough's well-known poem, "The Battle of Tober-na-Vuolich:

With a start from the sofa came Hobbes; with a cry from the sofa
Where he was laid, the great Hobbes, contemplative, corpulent, witty,
Author forgotten and silent of currentest phrases and fancies;
Mute and exuberant by turns, a fountain at intervals playing;
Mute and abstracted, or strong and abundant as rain in the tropics;
Studious; and careless of dress; inobservant.

THE HOME OFFICE.

The Home Secretary is quite a new man in office, Mr. Cross, a banker at Preston, who is best known as the candidate who drove Mr. Gladstone out of South-west Lancashire. Mr. Cross has had considerable experience as Chairman of the Lancashire Quarter Sessions, and his appointment will at least gratify that part of England. He will find himself, however, in one of the most trying positions of the Government. The Foreign Office deals with people far away, and with subjects which ordinary persons scarcely understand; but the Home Office deals with matters which touch everybody very closely. It was Mr. Bruce's perverse blundering in this department which first gave Mr. Gladstone's Government a start down-hill. Mr. Bruce (now Lord Aberdare) is one of those unhappy men who can neither let things alone nor do anything with them. Inert and procrastinating where energy was required, he was meddlesome and fussy where he should have held his hand. The Home Secretary has the management of the Police, the supervision of the magistracy, the regulation of public-houses, the exercise of the royal prerogative of pardon and the commutation of sentences; and it will readily be understood how much the comfort of the country depends upon having a strong, common-sense, self-possessed man in such a place. Lord Palmerston and Sir G. Cornewall Lewis were the two best Home Secretaries known in this generation, and their excellence chiefly consisted in adherence to quiet routine, and avoidance of all unnecessary interference. If Mr. Cross can only make up his mind to follow these eminent examples he will do very well.

THE PREMIER'S MOVEMENTS.

While Mr. Disraeli was making his arrangements there was, of course, great curiosity to learn what they would be, and the *Daily News*, a very enterprising Liberal paper, deputed its sharpest reporter to dog the new Premier's steps. The following valuable information was thus collected for the public, regardless of expense:

POLITICAL MOVEMENTS.—Among the earliest visitors to Mr. Disraeli yesterday was the Earl of Derby, who walked to Whitehall Gardens, accompanied by the Countess of Derby, arriving there at 11:15. A few minutes previously Mr. Montagu Corry, Mr. Disraeli's Private Secretary, returned from Brighton, where he had stayed the night. Mr. Ward Hunt was the next to arrive, and shortly afterward Col. Taylor (formerly the Conservative "whip") and Sir Stafford Northcote. The Earl of Bradford drove up soon after 12 o'clock, and remained for more than two hours, during which time Lord Cairns paid a short visit. Mr. Cross called at 3 o'clock, and had a somewhat long interview. Shortly before 4 Mr. Gathorne Hardy visited Mr. Disraeli, and remained until 4:30. Soon after the departure of these gentlemen Mr. Disraeli, accompanied by Mr. Montagu Corry, left Whitehall Gardens and walked to the Earl of Bradford's residence in Belgrave square, where he remained until an advanced hour in the evening. Mr. Disraeli was met walking down Parliament street by Sir A. Cockburn, the Lord Chief Justice. After a brief conversation between the learned Judge and the right honorable gentleman, Mr. Disraeli proceeded to Belgrave square.

Interviewing in this country is still in its infancy. Mr. Disraeli has taken a house in Whitehall Gardens in order to be near the House of Commons. It need hardly be said that he is in excellent spirits and gayer and more curly than ever.

THE COLLAPSE OF THE LIBERAL PARTY.

The collapse of the Liberals would seem to be completed by Mr. Gladstone's threatened retirement from the leadership. He has intimated to his friends that he is anxious for repose, and there is already a question as to who shall be his successor. There seems to be no doubt that, after delivering a sort of last dying speech and confession in the debate on the Address, he will retire for a time into private life, or, at least, will appear only occasionally in the House of Commons. For next session, therefore, some one else will have to act as the spokesman of the party. There can be no question of the sincerity of Mr. Gladstone's present intentions, though how long he will adhere to them is another matter. He is now in his sixty-fifth year, and four years younger than his rival, but without Mr. Disraeli's elasticity of temperament and philosophical equanimity; and his defeat has had a very prostrating effect. He had been ill for some days before he took his fatal leap into a dissolution; he made extraordinary exertions in addressing his constituents in cold, wet weather at open-air meetings; and the shock of the disastrous elections has told severely on his morbidly-excitable temperament and enfeebled health. Office for its own sake he never cared about, and no man has ever been more consistently superior to common ambitions. He wanted to rule as a prophet inspired directly from on high, and grew weary of the place when he found that he was treated as an ordinary human being. He has got over all his illusions now, and doubts whether there is anything worth living for. This fit of depression, however, may wear off after a time. It almost looks as if it were a stroke of revenge upon his party that, at the very moment when he himself thinks of retiring, he should be the means of spiriting away to the House of Lords the only person who is fit to succeed him—that is, Mr. Cardwell. After Mr. Gladstone, the natural head of the next Liberal Government—rather a far-off fact, perhaps—would, of course, be Lord Granville, though he has fallen very much in public esteem since he was in office under Lord Palmerston. But the difficulty will be to find a leader in the House of Commons. The Marquis of Hartington has been suggested. He is comparatively young and inexperienced; is a poor speaker, though he generally contrives to knock the right nail on the head; and he never made any impression on the public mind. Still this choice is not improbable. The Marquis is the eldest son of the Duke of Devonshire, and one of these days will be Duke himself, and one of the wealthiest men in the land. The present Duke has found everything blossom up gold for him. He is the principal owner of the great steel works at Barrow. Rich hematite ore has been found on his Lancashire property. Buxton, a favorite mineral spring, and Eastbourne, a fashionable watering-place, have prospered in his hands; Keighley, a few years ago a village, has grown up into a successful manufacturing town—this is his too. He has also large estates in Ireland. All this will be a good pedestal for his son, who, in the meantime, is proportionately looked up to. There is a rumor that, had the Marquis chosen, he might have been a son-in-law of the Queen, but he preferred political life, and dreaded the effacement to which poor Lord Lorne has fallen a victim. Mr. Forster would, in many respects, be the most eligible man for the leadership of the House of Commons but for the one fatal disqualification, that at present he does not possess the full confidence of the party. Mr. Bright and Mr. Lowe are both, on personal grounds, out of the question; but Mr. Goschen might fairly aspire to the position.

THE DUKE OF WESTMINSTER.

When Mr. Disraeli went out of office he made his Duke—the Duke of Abercorn—as a memorial of his power. Mr. Gladstone has made his Duke too; and the Marquis of Westminster is now Duke of that ilk. The new Duke is the landlord of the West End of London, to say nothing of coal mines, iron mines, salt mines, and other fat property elsewhere. In London a great many old leases are just falling in, and everywhere ground is increasing enormously in value. The next Duke will probably have a couple of hundred thousand a year. His Grace is married to a daughter of the Dowager Duchess of Sutherland, one of the Queen's oldest and closest friends. During the reform agitation of 1867 he joined the Cave against Mr. Gladstone, but he was afterward brought back to his allegiance, with the proper amount of rejoicing for the sinner that repenteth. His timely conversion has brought him a Dukedom. The Duke of Abercorn got his Duchy as the price of going to Ireland as Lord Lieutenant—an idle, undignified, and costly exile in the sham court of a dreary and discontented country. A Baronetcy has just been given to a gentleman who won a county election for the Liberals, and another to a gentleman who, a few years ago, resigned a seat to which he had just been elected in order to make way for a Cabinet Minister who had been rejected by his former constituency. If the reasons why peerages are bestowed nowadays were recorded in the patents of nobility it would perhaps scarcely enhance the dignity of the titles. There can be no doubt, however, that the Duke of Westminster will be an eminently-respectable Duke, and if new Dukes are to be made at all, he has the qualifications for the rank. Only there is something of the sham antique in a modern Duchy, over which the Duke has no territorial authority except as a landlord among other landlords. I was wrong last week in naming Mr. Ellice among the new peers. Mr. Gladstone has made five, but it is believed that a longer list was submitted to the Queen, and reduced to what she thought reasonable proportions.

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FATAL FIRE IN PITTSBURG.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

PITTSBURG, Penn., March 8.—A fire broke out at about 4 o'clock this morning in Goff's Western Hotel, opposite the Pennsylvania Central Stock Yards, and spread to Clark's Central Hotel and Porter's saloon, all of which were destroyed. After the flames had been extinguished the body of a man was found in the ruins of Goff's house. The arms and a portion of the legs had been burned off. It was identified as that of Warren J. Bradley, of Bridgeport, Conn., who had been employed as a drover about the stock yards for a few weeks past, and who had announced his intention to start for home on Monday. He leaves a wife and two children in Bridgeport.

FATAL AFFRAY IN AN ENGINE-HOUSE IN PITTSBURG.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

PITTSBURG, Penn., March 8.—On Thursday last a member of the Fire Department, named Wunderlich, entered the engine-house while under the influence of liquor, and became involved in a quarrel with another fireman named Donohue. After some words Wunderlich seized an iron poker and struck at Donohue. The latter dodged and the iron struck Edward Weaver in the face, inflicting an ugly wound. The injured man died this morning, and an inquest was commenced to-day. The evidence led to the belief that death was caused by the blow given by Wunderlich, who was arrested to-day and lodged in jail.

KILLED BY THE CARS.

BOSTON, Mass., March 8.—Abby Waltz, a woman about thirty-two years old, residing on Tyler street, fell while stepping aboard the cars in the Boston and Albany Depot, on Saturday afternoon, and was killed.

OBITUARY.

EX-PRESIDENT MILLARD FILLMORE.

BUFFALO, N. Y., March 8—12 o'clock, midnight.—Ex-President Millard Fillmore died at his residence in this city at 11:10 to-night. He was conscious up to the time. At 8 o'clock, in reply to a question by his physician, he said the nourishment was palatable; these were his last words. His death was painless.

Millard Fillmore was born on the 7th of January, 1800, on what was then the outskirts of civilization, in Cayuga County, N. Y. His father was at that time a pioneer settler in the township of Locke, (now Summerhill,) and lived four miles from his nearest neighbor. In this wilderness young Fillmore grew up with no education except a moderate knowledge of reading, writing, and arithmetic, acquired at home. At the age of fourteen he became an apprentice to a fuller, and the next five years of his life were devoted to carding wool, dressing cloth, and working on his father's farm. At the age of nineteen he made an arrangement with his employer to give up his trade, having determined to take up the study of law. At that time seven years of preparation were required in New-York before one who had not a classical education could be admitted as an attorney; but nothing daunted by this prospect, the young man entered into an agreement with Mr. Wood, a retired lawyer, to attend to that gentleman's "private business" for his board and the use of a scanty library, and was set at work to make what he might out of *Blackstone* and *Tidd's Practice*. After one year of this kind of experience, relieved in the Winter by teaching school, he set out for Buffalo, where he arrived a perfect stranger, with $4 in his pocket. Here he studied in a lawyer's office in the early morning, taught school during the day, and in the evening discussed the subject of the morning's study with a fellow-student. During a portion of the time, also, he was engaged in the Post Office, making up the mails and keeping the accounts of the office. In 1823 he was admitted to the Bar in Erie County at the recommendation of several prominent lawyers, although he had completed little more than half the required period of preparation, and commenced practice at Aurora, where his father then resided. By faithful study and a thorough application to business he soon acquired an extensive practice, and in time became one of the leading lawyers of the State. He married the daughter of Rev. Lemuel Powers in 1826, and in 1830 removed to Buffalo, having been previously admitted to practice as an attorney and counselor in all the courts of the State.

Mr. Fillmore's political life commenced in 1828, when he was elected to the State Legislature by the Anti-Mason Party. He served in the House of Representatives for three successive terms, and sustained a high character for integrity and faithful attention to the duties of a legislator. The act abolishing imprisonment for debt was drafted in part by him. In 1832 he was elected to Congress by the party opposed to the Administration of Gen. Jackson, and was re-elected in 1836, 1838, and 1840. In 1842 he was unanimously nominated by the Whigs of his district for another term in Congress, but declined to serve longer. While in Congress he was opposed to the annexation of Texas, and favored all measures looking to a restriction of slavery. In 1841–42 as Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means, he performed an amount of labor which hardly ever falls to the lot even of the incumbent of that arduous position. The Tariff act of 1842 was almost entirely the work of his hand, and he prepared a digest of the laws authorizing appropriations, so that he could always cite the authority for any expenditures which he recommended. He afterward procured the passage of a resolution requiring the departments, when they submitted estimates of expenses, to accompany them with a reference to the laws authorizing them, in every instance. He retired from Congress in 1843, and in 1844 was supported by the Whigs of New-York and some of the Western States as a candidate for the Vice Presidency. He did not receive the nomination, however. The same year he was nominated for Governor of the State, but was defeated by his opponent, Silas Wright. In 1847 he was elected Controller of the State of New-York, and discharged the duties of that arduous and responsible position for two years with distinguished success.

In 1848 Mr. Fillmore was nominated by the Whig National Convention as Vice-President on the ticket with Gen. Taylor, and was elected to that position in the following November. During the excited debates on the compromise measures of 1850 he discharged the duties of presiding officer of the Senate with great firmness and with such impartiality that it was not known which side of the controversy he favored, except by the President, to whom he had privately stated that, if required to cast the decisive vote, he should give it in favor of the compromise. On the death of Gen. Taylor Mr. Fillmore acceded to the Presidential chair, and was inaugurated on the 10th of July, 1850. He at once appointed a new Cabinet, with Daniel Webster at its head, and in many respects adopted a different policy from that of his predecessor. He signed the Fugitive Slave bill, and when a disposition was shown in some quarters to resist the law, he expressed his determination to enforce its execution, and issued a proclamation calling upon all officers of the United States to perform their duty in all cases arising under the act. His course in this matter was extremely unpopular with a large portion of the Northern people, and was the occasion of a very general indifference toward him ever after. The general policy of his Administration was wise and liberal, and he left the country at peace with all the world and enjoying a high degree of prosperity. His Administration was distinguished by the Lopez filibustering expeditions to Cuba, which were discountenanced by the Government, and by several important expeditions to distant lands. The expedition to Japan under Commodore Perry resulted in a favorable treaty with that country, but that dispatched under Lieut. Lynch, in search of gold in the interior of Africa, failed of its object. Exploring expeditions were also sent to the Chinese seas, and to the Valley of the Amazon. Mr. Fillmore's name was brought forward in the Whig Convention of 1852 for renomination, but could not command 20 votes from the free States.

Soon after Mr. Fillmore's retirement from the office of President of the United States the death of his wife occurred, and was shortly followed by that of his only daughter, leaving him an only son, now a lawyer at Buffalo. In 1854 he made a tour of the Southern and Western States, and in the following year traveled extensively in Europe. The degree of D. C. L. was offered him by the University of Oxford, and declined. In 1856, before his return from Europe, he was apprised of his nomination for the Presidency by the American Party. He accepted the nomination, but received a very light vote at the election. On the 10th of February, 1858, he was married to Mrs. Caroline McIntosh, youngest daughter of the late Charles Carmichael, of Morristown, N. J. Since that time he had lived in retirement at Buffalo, devoted to general literary study and the society of many admiring friends.

A PRACTICAL MEASURE OF CIVIL SERVICE REFORM.

THE BILL RELATING TO SALARIES OF FEDERAL OFFICERS.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—The bill which the House Committee on the Civil Service Reform recently directed Mr. Woodford to report to the House, although very brief, strikes directly at the root of three marked abuses in our civil service. The title and text of the bill is as follows:

"A bill to prevent officers of the United States receiving or being paid any money beyond their fixed salaries, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate, &c., That no officer of the United States shall, directly or indirectly, receive or be paid to or for his own use or benefit, any money or property whatsoever of the United States, except a salary to be fixed by law, and that no public property shall be used by officials or by any persons for private purposes.

SEC. 2. That this act shall not be so construed as to prevent the payment from the Treasury of all actual and necessary traveling expenses of United States officials when performing the legitimate and necessary duties pertaining to their offices."

This bill, if passed, will cut up by the roots the whole system of excessive payments to officials through the indirect means of fees, moieties, percentages, and the like, and will require that hereafter all officials shall be paid fixed salaries, graded according to the service rendered and the responsibilities incurred. Its adoption would also put an end to the custom of using public property for private purposes, while the last section would destroy the mileage abuse in all its widespread ramifications, excepting alone the mileage of Congress. The committee, in view of the action of the House on the Salary-repeal bill, did not feel justified in encumbering this bill with this last question.

The passage of this bill would be practical reform. The theory of it is so strictly in accordance with the views of Mr. Woodford, as heretofore frequently expressed upon public occasions, that he may be relied upon to press its consideration by Congress with all possible earnestness.

EXTRAORDINARY DUEL.

TWO COLORED MEN EXCHANGE EIGHT OR TEN SHOTS—ONE SHOT THROUGH BOTH LEGS.

AUGUSTA, Ga., March 8.—Two negroes, Peter Blair and Moses Sullivan, had some angry words, during which Blair told Sullivan he was no gentleman. The latter demanded an apology, or satisfaction with shot-guns or pistols. Blair replied that he had no apology to make, but accepted the challenge, naming time, place, and weapons.

The parties met at Sand Bar Ferry this morning, at 7 o'clock, accompanied by their seconds, two negroes named Ralph Knight and William Armstrong. The ground was paced off, and Colt's five-shooters placed in the hands of the principals. Knight gave the word of command; he said: "Peter, are you ready?" Peter said: "Yes." "Moses, are you ready?" Moses replied: "Yes."

Then commenced the shooting, and both parties fired away until the last barrel was discharged. The pistols were reloaded, and the principals resumed their positions. The words of command were repeated, and the firing recommenced, and was continued until Blair fell to the ground, shot through both legs.

The parties returned to the city immediately. Sullivan fought at the same place last year, and Blair fought another negro near Savannah some time ago.

THE POST OFFICES.

OFFICIAL CHANGES RECENTLY ORDERED.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—The following are postal changes ordered:

New-England.—Offices Established—Packerville, Windham County, Conn., William H. Brown, Postmaster; Woodmont, New-Haven County, Conn., James R. Ayres, Postmaster. Discontinued—Kosuth, Washington County, Me. Postmasters Appointed—Eben B. Clark, Tremont, Hancock County, Me.; Charles B. Diamond, North Boscawen, Merrimack County, N. H.; Sylvanus W. Hartshorn, Walpole, Norfolk County, Mass.; John A. Hall, Hallington, Litchfield County, Conn.

New-York.—Offices Established—Fisher's Landing, Jefferson County, G. S. Newton, Postmaster; Trout Brook, Delaware County, Irving Holcomb, Postmaster. Discontinued—Allen's Station, Steuben County. Postmasters Appointed—Mrs. Catherine Hoffman, Mohawk Hill, Lewis County; David B. Guernsey, Ouaquaga, Broome County; Frank Pettitt, Sand Lake, Rensselaer County; Asahel Dehel, South Corinth, Saratoga County; Henry G. Shaw, Swain, Alleghany County; Aaron Schoonmaker, Wawarsing, Ulster County.

New-Jersey.—Discontinued—Still Valley, Warren County. Name Changed—Lower Macopin, Passaic County, to Echo Lake. Postmasters Appointed—William W. Lawrence, Canton, Salem County; Isaac L. Johnson, Deans, Middlesex County; Benjamin Scott, Tinton Falls, Monmouth County.

Pennsylvania.—Offices Established—Huff's Church, Berks County, Milton M. Gery, Postmaster; Mill Grove, Columbia County, Owen W. Cherington, Postmaster; Younts, Bedford County, Horace Diffendorfer, Postmaster. Postmasters Appointed—Alexander Kauffman, Andersonburg, Perry County; George Peat, Cold Creek, Bradford County; David P. Lightner, Delville, Perry County; A. O. D. Tintsman, Fulton, Westmoreland County; J. B. Skeer, Stockton, Luzerne County; James Carson, Webster, Westmoreland County; De Witt M. Farr, Wilmot, Bradford County.

Maryland.—Office Established—Girdletree Hill, Worcester County, Francis E. Jones, Postmaster. Name Changed—Fairfield, St. Mary's County, to St. Mary's City, and Francis M. Goddard appointed Postmaster. Postmasters Appointed—Louis B. Coale, Calvertou Mills, Baltimore County; Samuel A. Tubman, Denningo, Carroll County; William O. Fox, Greenwood, Baltimore County; Wm. W. Dunnebower, Jr., Hyattsville, Prince George's County; Mrs. Elizabeth Grist, Funkstown, Washington County; Mrs. Samuel A. Bond, Park Hall, St. Mary's County; William H. Stiffler, Parkton, Baltimore County.

NAVIGATION ON LAKE ERIE.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

CLEVELAND, March 8.—The opening of navigation promises to be unusually early. There is but little ice seen in the lake, and none at all in the river. What ice there is in the lake is very much broken up, and compared with other seasons is remarkably thin. The effect of the present cold snap remains to be seen, but it is thought too late now for even a week of cold weather to produce much effect. The vessel-owners and Captains are all busily engaged in fitting out their vessels, but the prospects for the season's business is far from favorable, as but very few charters have been made in any branch of trade.

MR. FILLMORE'S CONDITION CRITICAL.

BUFFALO, N. Y., March 8.—Ex-President Fillmore spent a very restless night. He was decidedly worse yesterday and to-day, and to-night there is no perceptible improvement. At 9 o'clock this evening there was a cold, clammy sweat on his brow. His physician still expresses hope, although it is evident his life hangs by a thread.

PACIFIC RAILROAD SNOW BLOCKADE.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., March 8.—A dispatch from Elko, Nev., to-night, says that the Central Pacific Railroad is still blockaded by snow. Western trains are laying at Toano, waiting. About fifty miles of the road are to be cleared. It is improbable that any trains can be got through for two or three days either way.

FINDING OF THE BODY OF A SUICIDE.

WORCESTER, Mass., March 8.—The body of Miss Jennie Russell, who has been missing from her home in Lancaster for four days, was found this afternoon in the Nashua River, near Lancaster. She was a daughter of the late Prof. Russell, and undoubtedly committed suicide.

LATEST NEWS BY CABLE.

THE ASHANTEE WAR.

THE FIRST DETACHMENT OF BRITISH TROOPS RETURNING.

LONDON, March 8.—A transport has arrived at St. Vincent with the first detachment of troops of the Ashantee expedition returning to England.

GREAT BRITAIN.

MR. GLADSTONE'S WITHDRAWAL FROM ACTIVE LEADERSHIP OF THE OPPOSITION CONFIRMED.

LONDON, March 8.—The London *Observer* says a meeting of the members of the late Ministry was held yesterday. The impression that Mr. Gladstone has declined the active leadership of the opposition during the ensuing session is confirmed. The Marquis of Hartington is mentioned as his successor, but nothing has been decided yet.

GERMANY.

DISTRIBUTING THE FRENCH INDEMNITY AMONG THE STATES OF THE EMPIRE.

BERLIN, March 8.—The Federal Council has ordered to be distributed to the States of the Empire a further installment of 42,000,000 thalers of the French indemnity.

SPAIN.

MOVEMENTS OF MARSHAL SERRANO.

MADRID, March 8.—Marshal Serrano has arrived at Somorrostro.

ITALY.

M. DE NOAILLES IN ROME.

ROME, March 8.—The Marquis De Noailles has presented his credentials as Minister of France to Italy.

THE COLORADO DESERT.

THE PROJECT FOR ITS SUBMERSION—REPORT OF A PRIVATE SURVEY.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—Senator Jones, of Nevada, has received full reports of the results of a scientific exploration made at the expense of himself and a private citizen of California, last Summer, for the purpose of ascertaining the practicability of reclaiming or submerging the great Colorado Desert by turning into it the waters of the Colorado River or the Gulf of California. The report of Mr. J. E. James, the engineer who conducted the expedition, and an elaborate commentary upon it by Mr. R. E. Stretch, an eminent civil engineer of San Francisco, furnish the following very interesting information, much of which is entirely new:

The exploration shows that the greater portion of the Colorado Desert and the Mojave Valley and Death Valley, which lie north of it, are from forty to 100 feet below the level of the sea, and that this great desert, stretching from Lower California to Inyo County, in the State of California, and from the base of the Coast Range Mountains to the Colorado River, comprising an area about 300 miles long by 150 wide, may be converted into a chain of lakes or irrigated by the method above mentioned; and also that a large portion of this "desert" really consists of extremely fertile soil, being a deep alluv

THE CENTENNIAL.

SHALL IT BE AN INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION?

THE CASE AS PRESENTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE COMMISSION.

From Our Own Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, Saturday, March 7, 1874.

In response to a request from your correspondent for information regarding the progress of the plans and arrangements for the celebration of the centennial, Gen. J. R. Hawley, President of the Commission, this morning dictated the following statement for publication in THE TIMES. Gen. Hawley, from the time of his appointment as a member of the commission, has labored constantly, and with earnestness and enthusiasm, for the success of what he, in common with the entire commission and the American people, supposed was to be a grand national and international exhibition in Philadelphia. Congress determined by law that such an exhibition shall be held. The commission has labored to that end. They lay the facts before the country and ask to be heard. Familiar as Gen. Hawley is with the plans of the commission, and with all the facts on which any just decision as to the character of the celebration must rest, as to the propriety of celebrating the centennial by an international exhibition, the capacity of the United States to organize and sustain such an exhibition, its cost, its returns, its political, economical, and social value,—his views deserve to have the attention of Congress and the people.

GEN. HAWLEY'S STATEMENT OF THE CASE.

"Everybody agrees that there is to be a great celebration of the centennial anniversary of the birth of this nation. The more it is talked about the more evident it is that a week of bonfires, orations, bell-ringing and cannon firing, would not be enough. Exhibitions, national and international, in which peoples take stock of their progress in the arts that benefit mankind, are a feature of modern civilization. It struck every thoughtful person as precisely the right thing to do to hold one of these great exhibitions during the summer of 1876. A comparison between the condition of the arts and manufactures, education, religious condition, population, resources, everything that makes a people, in 1776 and 1876, would obviously not only be interesting but extremely profitable. The United States have several times accepted invitations to international exhibitions abroad, and spent many hundreds of thousands of dollars in forwarding them.

THE CHARTER.

"An act of Congress approved March 3, 1871, gave form to these thoughts. It was not a Pennsylvanian who first proposed it, but, very naturally, Pennsylvanians warmly took up the idea. It is: 'An act to provide for celebrating the one hundredth anniversary of American independence, by holding an international exhibition of arts, manufactures, and products of the soil and mine, in the City of Philadelphia, and State of Pennsylvania, in the year 1876.' The preamble recites the obvious historical facts, and deems it proper that the completion of the first century of our existence shall be commemorated by an exhibition of our resources, 'in comparison with those of all other nations.' Its first section is: 'That a universal exhibition of American and foreign arts, products, and manufactures shall be held under the auspices of the Government of the United States in Philadelphia, in 1876.' It provides for a commission to consist of one Commissioner at large and three from each State and Territory, nominated by the Governor and commissioned by the President. The act directs this commission to report to Congress after its first session the dates of opening and closing, the proper ceremonies for opening and conducting, plans of the buildings, the mode of the reception and classification of the articles, and the requisite Custom-house regulations for the introduction into the country of articles from foreign countries intended for exhibition," and by a subsequent act the commission is further required to annually report to the President. The act further directs that whenever the President shall be informed by the Governor of Pennsylvania that provision has been made for the erection of the building, to be controlled by the commission, the President shall "make proclamation of the time when and the place at which the exhibition will open and the place at which it will be held; and he shall communicate to the diplomatic representatives of all nations copies of the same, together with such regulations as may be adopted by the commission for publication in their respective countries." Objects of that an international exhibition is here ordered, an exhibition of American and foreign arts, with provision for Custom-house regulations, and that the President is commanded to notify all nations of this exhibition and give them such facilities for its celebration. The international feature has risen into special prominence lately, but is, after all, only secondary in importance.

WHAT HAS BEEN DONE.

The commission has been organized about two years, and has done a vast amount of work. Its encouragement is abundant from all sections of the country. It was expected that Pennsylvania would take the lead, and she has done so. Her citizens have manifested a broad and generous spirit. Whatever pecuniary benefit Philadelphia might expect to obtain she has cheerfully waived in advance. The city of Philadelphia gave $75,000 for the preliminary expenses of the commission; the city has appropriated $500,000 and the State $1,000,000 for the erection of a memorial building to be entirely at the service of the exhibition, but to be a permanent structure, serving as a historical and art gallery. The subscriptions by individuals and corporations in Pennsylvania amount to $1,500,000, devoted to the general purposes of the commission. A multitude of associations, agricultural, manufacturing, mechanical, scientific, literary, and religious, from all parts of the country, have offered their assistance and hearty co-operation. The commission has had the services of men familiar with large exhibitions, at home and abroad. It has full command of the literature of the exhibitions of London, Paris and Vienna; has the plans of the buildings, the classification of articles, their working organization, their expenditures and receipts, in each and every branch. It had two capable men employed spending months at Vienna, and several Commissioners visiting at their own charges, and known splendidly what was done and what was ill done there. The City of Philadelphia has placed at its disposal four hundred acres in Fairmount Park, the most beautiful site ever offered for such a purpose, and within a few rods of great trunk railroads connecting with the entire railroad system of the country. Plans of the building have been adopted, and sanctioned by some of the best architects and engineers in the country. The main building is to cover thirty acres. Railroad tracks running through each area in the building will have grooves in the precise spot for exhibition, and when the cars are withdrawn narrow boards covering the rail will make an even floor. Steam and horse cars will bring passengers to the very doors. A classification adopting the best features of those adopted elsewhere has been prepared. For the erection of these buildings, bids have already been made, falling below the estimates of the commission. Were the requisite funds guaranteed the commission could commence work in thirty days.

THE OBSTACLES.

Here come the two difficulties that now beset us. In accordance with the act of Congress the President made proclamation July 4, 1873, that an international exhibition would be held in Philadelphia in 1876. He closed his proclamation thus: "And in the interest of human civilization, and domestic and international friendship and intercourse, I commend the celebration and exhibition to the people of the United States; and, in behalf of this Government and people, I cordially commend them to all nations who may be pleased to take part therein." The Secretary of State issued a circular dated July 5, 1873, in which, after reciting the fact, he said that this was a "fitting opportunity for such a display of the results of art and industry of all nations as will serve to illustrate the great advances," &c. He communicated to the representatives of foreign nations the proclamation of the President and the regulations of the Commissioners, and closes as follows:

"The President indulges the hope that the Government of ——— will be pleased to notice the subject, and may deem it proper to bring the exhibition and its objects to the attention of the people of that country, and thus encourage their co-operation in the proposed celebration. And he further hopes that the opportunity afforded by the exhibition for the interchange of national sentiment and friendly intercourse between the people of both nations may result in new and still greater advantages to science and industry, and at the same time serve to strengthen the bonds of peace and friendship which already happily subsist between the Government and the people of ——— and those of the United States."

The regulations annexed cordially invite every nation to be represented, and for that purpose appoint a commission. They give instructions concerning the time of applying and delivering, Custom-house regulations, transportation, classification, &c. The commission has no doubt as to the friendly reception of this information by foreign nations. Our representatives at Vienna last year bore the Commissioners from all European nations, every one of whom expressed a cordial interest in the American exhibition. Accepting the invitation of the publishers of the Vienna catalogue, the Centennial Commission put their own notices of the Centennial Exhibition in nearly every language spoken in Europe. Not only our official but our unofficial letters and conversations with the leading minds of Europe that have interested themselves in such affairs are full of encouragement. Undoubtedly European nations consider themselves invited to co-operate in this exhibition. Our invitations resembled such invitations as had been extended to us. It has never been supposed that the invitations meant more than a request to give full notice to the people of the nation, and a request that the Government to appoint Commissioners. Exhibitors will not go to foreign nations to exhibit unless protected by a commission of their own Government, and such commission is never appointed except at the request of the nation holding the exhibition. The Centennial Commission supposed, and other nations supposed, so far as we know, that a sufficient notice and invitations had been extended.

MR. FISH'S SECOND CIRCULAR.

The Secretary of State, (and I do not criticise him,) considering himself exercising a wise discretion, issued a circular Nov. 3, 1873, to our representatives abroad, in which he cautioned them against committing our Government too far. He used the following language:

"It will be observed that the President in his proclamation has extended an 'invitation to foreign powers and their citizens to participate in the exhibition.' He was not authorized so to do, and would be unwilling to be so understood as using expressions calculated to lead foreign governments to suppose that the United States would make any appropriation to defray the expenses of their citizens who may attend the exhibition, or that the United States would in any way guarantee the safety of articles sent for exhibition. The President's proclamation, in this respect, is merely declaratory of the law, and is not to be construed as holding out any inducement to foreign governments to make appropriations for the purpose of sending articles to the exhibition."

Mr. Fish then proceeds to say that the Government will not be responsible for the safety of articles sent, and closes with the following:

"I request you respectfully to communicate to the Secretary of State, Mr. Fish, that the German Empire accepts with sincere est thanks the invitation of the Government of the United States of America to take part in the above-mentioned exhibition. The appointment of a special commission for the exhibition, as also of a Plenipotentiary residing in Philadelphia, will therefore be made in time."

And the Minister of the Netherlands says:

"I have the honor to inform your Excellency that the Government of the Netherlands have received this international invitation with lively satisfaction, and intend to take part in the said exposition by contributing productions of the arts and industry of the Netherlands."

Six or seven other Governments have signified their intention to participate. The commission, therefore, thought it proper, after Mr. Fish's circular, that Congress should clear up the doubt, if any existed, by unmistakably authorizing the President to invite other nations to participate in this exhibition. That is to say, to invite them to comment this affair to their people, and to appoint commissioners to look out for their exhibitors in the usual way. A bill to this effect has given rise to the late discussions in the House and Senate. Naturally and properly the question of an appropriation has been discussed at the same time.

THE PECUNIARY QUESTION.

This brings me to the second embarrassment of the commission. The original act guarded against the involving of the United States in any pecuniary responsibility. The commission has carefully avoided doing so. I resent any imputation of disingenuousness on the part of the commission. It is composed of ninety-four gentlemen, representing every State and Territory. It has been under the direct orders of Congress, as shown in two acts upon this subject. The communications to foreign Powers were made under the law by the President and Secretary, now by the commission. In all ways bound to avoid applying to Congress for an appropriation, because of this clause in the original act. It went on faithfully fulfilling its duties. It took time to get into full operation, and to give concentration and force to the organization, and it is ready now, fully organized, to go on with energy if its resources justify it. Very soon after its organization, the commission saw the need of an auxiliary corporation to take charge of the financial field. By an act of Congress approved June 1, 1872, a corporation was authorized, called the Centennial Board of Finance, to be composed of subscribers to a ten-dollar share. When about a million dollars had been subscribed the corporation was organized and the twenty-five Directors chosen. They serve as the treasury of the whole enterprise, collecting, holding, and disbursing money and erecting the buildings, everything, however, being under the orders of the Centennial Commission. The head of these Directors is John Welsh, of Philadelphia; the Secretary and Treasurer is Frederick Fraley, President of the National Bank of Trade, and every Director is of unquestioned integrity and ability. It was hoped that this organization would be able to awaken such popular interest throughout the country, after Pennsylvania should open the way, as would secure ample funds. Arrangements had been made for an enthusiastic canvass and appeal throughout the country in the Fall of 1873, when the financial crisis came over us like a dark cloud. Every one knows how difficult it is to raise money three years in advance for any enterprise whether patriotic or purely commercial. We have never doubted that as the time approached, and exhibitors of all imaginable classes began to interest themselves, we should be able to raise money in generous amounts. We assert our indebtedness, we assert our integrity of management; we promise the same for the future, but feel that our country has imposed upon us a great duty, in which the credit and pride of the country are involved, and which we can carry no farther. We come to the authority that created us and lay the facts before it.

OBJECTIONS TO PROCEEDING.

What objections confront us? Perhaps the first is that our specific national celebration will not harmonize with an international exhibition. I reply that the celebration, strictly speaking, will occupy two or three days—at the most, a week—while the exhibition held in Fairmount Park will occupy six months. Our country went to London, Paris, and Vienna, gratefully acknowledging the courtesy of powerful and friendly nations, and with all respect for their rulers, but our primary purposes related to the arts and industries to be exhibited, and not to the glorification of their rulers per their invitation. Nor did the patriotism of those peoples annoy us. Even George III. managed to announce to Parliament, with kingly courtesy, the independence of the American colonies. In whatsoever distant waters our ships meet, the Englishman gathers his tars upon the Fourth of July, and the American returns the compliment upon the Queen's birthday. It does not trouble us that the Englishman rejoices in his form of Government, and he has long passed being childish over our declaration of independence.

DO WE KNOW ENOUGH TO HOLD AN EXHIBITION?

Another objection, which I never hear with patience, doubts our having sufficient capacity and integrity in this country to successfully conduct a great exhibition. Let us make this formal acknowledgment, if we dare, that our boasted hundred years of progress, our "best form of government under the sun," have so rotted our manhood that a public enterprise, on a sacred and patriotic occasion, cannot be undertaken for fear of thievery. There are thousands of men in this country abundantly able to organize, and easily swing all the machinery of this exhibition. Look at our gigantic railroad, commercial, and manufacturing enterprises. One of our Commissioners, an active member of the Committee on Plans and Architecture, Gov. Straw, of New-Hampshire, civil engineer by profession, is the governing spirit of the Amoskeag Mills, with forty acres of flooring and four thousand operatives; Daniel J. Morrell, of Pennsylvania, another Commissioner, is Superintendent of the great Cambria Iron Works, at Johnstown, Penn. Another Commissioner, Mr. Corliss, of Rhode Island, conducts the great manufacturing establishment which has made his name known wherever steam is used. Another Commissioner, Mr. Beckwith, of New-York, represented the United States Government most honorably and ably at the Paris exhibition of 1867. Another, Prof. Blake, of Connecticut, served under Mr. Beckwith at Paris, and prepared the six volumes which our Government published reporting that exhibition. Another Commissioner, Mr. Goshorn, of Ohio, who now serves as our Director General at Philadelphia, was the successful manager for several years of that annual exhibition at Cincinnati which has grown to great proportions, to the honor and profit to all that neglect. Alexander R. Boteler, of West Virginia, though he went with Virginia in the great fight, gives his services, both as an able politician and an experienced man of business, with as ardent a patriotism as if he had been born in Independence Hall. As a director Commissioner is ana P. Packer, of Pennsylvania, whose ability in great enterprises everybody knows. Chas. H. Marshall, Alternate Commissioner, from New-York City, is one of your foremost merchants. It is childish to argue a question of capacity of Americans to conduct the greatest enterprises with unsurpassed energy and executive skill. But if any additional securities or guarantees be required, the laws are in the hands of Congress, which can modify, add to, or take from, the powers and organization of the Commission and the Board of Finance in any manner that seems necessary.

PREJUDICES OF LOCALITY.

Of course, prejudices of locality are to be encountered—there are no quarrels more bitter than those concerning the location of a district school house. But the sense of the country overwhelmingly decides that Philadelphia is the proper place for this celebration and exhibition. Sentimentally it is so; as a matter of practical convenience it is hardly less so. The very best and most patriotic citizens of Philadelphia and Pennsylvania, extremely sensitive upon this point, have done their very utmost to conciliate their brethren in other sections of the Union. Philadelphians, as citizens and as a corporation, have given more than $1,000,000 already, and the city will spend much more in grading streets and preparing the approaches to the park. They have been ready to come forward and work, or to stand back and give, as might be best. They have said, and proved their sincerity by their deeds: Show us what to do to all patriots and gentlemen, and we will do it. Among the officers of the commission there is not a single Pennsylvanian, and only one is a member of the Executive Committee of Thirteen. The exhibition must be somewhere. Every town cannot have it. Is there so much narrowness and jealousy in a democracy that nothing can be done unless all its benefits can be divided with mathematical precision?

THE PROBABLE COST.

Again, it is objected that the cost is indefinite. Our architectural and landscape plans—all our designs—are open to examination. Whatever architects and engineers can tell us we have obtained. We have studied the merits and carefully studied the errors of former exhibitions. We shall not attempt architectural follies and extravagance. The Vienna dome cost half a million of dollars. We can have a beautiful and proper building without that feature. Our carefully-prepared estimates show that we can successfully conduct the exhibition for less than $7,000,000. This estimate covers contingencies, but to still further provide for possibilities we put the aggregate at $8,000,000. With tolerable success in the absence of any emergency in Canada, Cambria Iron Works, at Johnstown, Penn. Another Commissioner, Mr. Corliss, of Rhode Island, conducts the great manufacturing establishment which has made his name known wherever steam is used. Another Commissioner, Mr. Beckwith, of New-York, represented the United States Government most honorably and ably at the Paris exhibition of 1867. Another, Prof. Blake, of Connecticut, served under Mr. Beckwith at Paris, and prepared the six volumes which our Government published reporting that exhibition. Another Commissioner, Mr. Goshorn, of Ohio, who now serves as our Director General at Philadelphia, was the successful manager for several years of that annual exhibition at Cincinnati which has grown to great proportions, to the honor and profit to all that neglect. Alexander R. Boteler, of West Virginia, though he went with Virginia in the great fight, gives his services, both as an able politician and an experienced man of business, with as ardent a patriotism as if he had been born in Independence Hall. As a director Commissioner is ana P. Packer, of Pennsylvania, whose ability in great enterprises everybody knows. Chas. H. Marshall, Alternate Commissioner, from New-York City, is one of your foremost merchants. It is childish to argue a question of capacity of Americans to conduct the greatest enterprises with unsurpassed energy and executive skill. But if any additional securities or guarantees be required, the laws are in the hands of Congress, which can modify, add to, or take from, the powers and organization of the Commission and the Board of Finance in any manner that seems necessary.

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THE MONEY IS NOT WASTED.

Money spent in exhibitions of this character is not wasted for show. The American people do not know their own country. The Commissioners believe that no foreigner would be more delighted and surprised by a full and symmetrical exhibit of our condition and resources than would our own citizens. In three-fourths of the field we may confidently challenge comparison with any nation. Are we so vain then that we cannot bear to acknowledge superiority in anything? Let us be glad to see that which surpasses our own work and stimulates us to higher efforts. Great Britain received some lessons in these exhibitions between 1833 and 1867, that surprised and even wounded her, but she profited by them.

BETTER THAN ARMIES' BILLS.

I add a final consideration, but by no means the last. These exhibitions honor labor, harmonize labor and capital, fraternize nations, better the world. Within their walls the farmer, mechanic, artisan, and manufacturer are the kings. They are magnificently democratic, no matter who conducts them. They are the prophets and pathfinders of a day of better things, when what mankind has of energy, skill, and genius is to be devoted to the benefit of mankind, not slaughtering them. In this country we have a peculiar need, not only for two days of orations and bell-ringing to bring together perhaps 50,000 visitors, but of a month or more of such discourse in the comparison of our past and our present, bringing together four, five, or six millions of people from all parts of the land, in a place and under associations that will renew an old-fashioned patriotism. Some of our best friends in this matter are our brothers who were our most terrible enemies a few years ago. They, too, wish to see the American people coming together, face to face, and shaking hands around Independence Hall. A six months' ramping at Philadelphia in 1876 will be worth a thousand armory bills. It will be very cheap at $3,000,000. I think we can afford it. Having for three years proclaimed to the world that we were to have a national and international exhibition, and invited all nations to a friendly assemblage, being just in the act of receiving their cordial acceptance, I feel very sure that we certainly cannot now afford to give notice to all the world that this matter is going to cost us something, and, on the whole, we have such serious doubts of our own honesty and ability that we have concluded to back out early.

PULPIT DISCOURSES.

YESTERDAY'S SERMONS IN BRIEF.

REV. HENRY WARD BEECHER ON RELIGION AND INDIVIDUAL THOUGHT.

Plymouth Church was so crowded yesterday morning that hundreds who sought admission at a late hour could not be accommodated. Half a dozen infants were baptized by the Pastor, Rev. Henry Ward Beecher, in presence of the congregation. Mr. Beecher preached on the subject of religion as bearing on individual thought and the personality of man. The ideas of religion were as varied as thought, and with each individual the religious ideal was circumscribed by the range of his mental vision. Gifted with a particular faculty of reasoning, each man viewed religion necessarily with his power in that direction, and there was no greater fallacy than the supposition that men rose to the same standard of religious excellence. Dissimilar as their temperaments was their condition in this regard, and religion was developed differently in different men. There was no resemblance between Paul and John, yet in their special spheres they developed the highest and grandest idea of Christianity. As in the construction of a house there were many stories, and in men there was a varied power and ability; so in religion there were untold grades and conditions. Religious perfection can never be obtained on this side of the grave. He who claimed for himself the attainment of that condition was insincere, or beguiled by his own personal religious prejudices and thought. Such a man, if he existed, would be too good for this mundane sphere, and should be at once transported to His rightful state in the heavenly kingdom. Perfection existed only in heaven, and the teachings of Christ, enumerated in the Bible, led to its possession. The abandonment of evil and the determination to amend was the commencement, but only the commencement, of a religious life. Educating the faculties to the principles of Christianity developed an idea of the truth, and that idea was strengthened by the constant pursuit of a virtuous life. Mr. Beecher counseled the study of Christian truths as an evidence of wisdom not only in a religious but in a moral and secular sense as well.

REV. DR. CHAPIN ON THE RIGHT USE OF TIME.

In the Universalist Church, Forty-fifth street and Fifth avenue, Dr. Chapin preached yesterday, taking for his text St. Luke, xix., 20: "And another came, saying Lord behold here is thy pound, which I have kept laid up in a napkin." This, he said, was applicable to persons in every sphere and condition of life, and as each individual is responsible for himself, so an ex act account is required of the use made of our talent or time. The case of the slothful servant here alluded to suggested these propositions: First, that every man is intrusted with a gift; secondly, every man is obliged to use it; thirdly, every one is bound to use it in the best manner. In nature every atom is a centre of force—so in the organization of humanity each has an intrusted power, and as no two objects in creation were perfectly alike, the same was applicable to men; hence the deep sense of responsibility devolving on each to exercise his trust for good. One may have ten talents, another five, one more brilliant attainments, a profound philosopher, an eminent poet, or distinguished in whatever way, the accent to be rendered should be in proportion. The wealth accumulated by some, owing to their skill, power, energy, and thoughtful forecast, brought more real satisfaction than if it was an inheritance from royalty. He commended all who earned their bread by the sweat of their brow, and deplored the hard work of idleness—of persons who have nothing to occupy their minds from rising in the morn until retiring; such incurred the condemnation of the slothful servant, who kept his pound but did not use it. This world was a turmoil, and our way should be out through the difficulties that must necessarily arise in every path of life. All things in nature undergo changes; the earth produced grain when cultivated; when neglected it sent forth weeds. The talent must be used, for idleness or neglect blighted and destroyed the noblest existence. A man must use his gifts for the good of others, and, therefore, must use them in the best way. He should avoid selfishness, pride, evil, and moral corruption. Even those in humble positions of life, those of little ability, had a calling, and could effect good. This effort in effect it was required from all, and God had said this, "He chose the weak things of the world to confound the mighty." The mountain and ocean, are composed of stone and drops, and if every man in his place did some good, much would be effected. The sublime was the blending of devotion, earnestness, perseverance, and not depending on the capacity of great writers, thinkers, or scholars. The steady purpose of the Apostles made them achieve wonders. The power of the rolling thunder, or the lashing wave dashing into fragments the massive rocks, was far less than the gentle, silent power in the attraction of cohesion which binds every object in creation. Man in his place, by kind words, gentle acts, often accomplishes more than the mighty essayist. Each one had a part, and on his faithfulness the world depends. If each did his best, all would be done well.

BISHOP POTTER ON THE WANTS OF PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CITY MISSIONS.

Bishop Potter yesterday visited St. Clement's Protestant Episcopal Church to administer the rite of confirmation. The Bishop's visit was an event of great interest to the congregation, and his sermon, which was of a character appropriate to the occasion, appeared to impress his hearers. There were twenty-eight persons confirmed, Rev. Dr. Theo. A. Eston assisting at the ceremony. After the usual subscription had been taken up, Bishop Potter stated that the missions of the Diocese of New-York were greatly in need of help. The funds for this purpose were nearly exhausted. Strangers, he said, came into this diocese, appealing for aid for missions outside of it, carried away thousands of dollars with them. While strangers were thus fortunate, missionaries in this diocese found great difficulty in getting money for their missions, and were in much distress in consequence. He hoped that his hearers and others who are ready to help the strangers would also remember the wants of those at home, and act with needed and becoming generosity.

PROGRESS AND ULTIMATE FULFILLMENT OF THE GOSPEL—SERMON BY REV. DR. ADAMS.

Rev. Dr. Adams preached yesterday at the Madison Square Presbyterian Church to a large congregation, the theme of his discourse being the gradual progress and ultimate fulfillment of the Gospel. He took his text from the Eighty-fifth Psalm: "Truth shall spring out of the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven." There were, he said, many theories concerning the condition and prospects of society. There was that mythological theory which held that society was in a state of retrogression, and there were other theories which maintained that it was stationary, but subject to occasional encroachments of barbarism and civilization. Their purpose, however, was to consider the condition of society under the former and as regulated by the purpose of revealed religion. Among the numerous forms which skepticism assumed there was none more plausible than that suggested by the unlimited progress of the Gospel. The way in which the skeptical objection presented itself was, that if the Gospel be the panacea for all the evils entailed upon men by their apostacy, if it be universal in its nature in its application and in its purpose, how then is it that its progress is not more rapid and its results more immediate. But the New Testament admitted that the Gospel was to be of slow advancement, and the moment we gave ourselves to reflection we would find everything to satisfy our reason in that particular. The Gospel came to us while we were yet in a state of apostacy, from which we were to be recovered by the redemption of Christ, and being by this condition unripe to receive it, its progress was necessarily slow. How were we to account for all the agitations, the episodes and side-issues of history, but upon the ground that men were not willing to receive the truth and trust it? The experiment that Christianity had in it no power of self-recuperation occupied two thousand years. 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The strong would no longer oppress the weak, no wrong would be perpetrated against the interests and right of any one, and violence would die. Then would come the halcyon days when the thought of misery could be forgotten, and when truth and innocence would possess the world. Then would there be an entire revolution in political economy, a total change in the whole structure of social duty; for men would then see that the most costly and extravagant thing in the world was sin, and naval and military forces, and all other agencies of an imperfect civilization, would be no longer needed. In conclusion, the preacher briefly reviewed the progress of the Gospel through the agency of missionary efforts.

THE PLAN OF SALVATION—SERMON OF REV. H. B. HITCHINGS, AT TRINITY CHURCH.

The services at Trinity Church yesterday were unusually interesting for this season of the year, and were participated in by a large congregation. The Psalm, "As pants the hart for cooling streams," which was sung as the anthem of the day, was finely rendered. The sermon was preached by Rev. Horace B. Hitchings, who took for his text the sixteenth verse of the third chapter of St. John: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." Man, the preacher said, had an innate consciousness that they possessed no goodness, and were far removed from even a creditable degree of moral or spiritual excellence. They felt inclined to cry out when bowed down with sorrow and trouble: "Oh, wretched man that I am, who shall deliver me from the body of this death?" The purpose of men—their great object in life—was not what was required of them by God, whose command was, "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness," and all these things shall be added unto you." They were conscious that they did not do this—that they were not in unity with God, and had not, therefore, Christianity, but were in danger of perishing, or of being so far removed from God as to preclude the possibility of being united with Him. God had said that He did not desire the death of a sinner, but had "sent His only begotten Son into the world that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." The union which had once existed between God and man existed no longer, but the religion of Christ proposed to accomplish another union. First, by the love of God, which was the prime cause of man's sanctification and redemption. They could not tell why God so loved man, nor could they measure the bounds of His infinite love; but they could see its results, and humbly worship and adore Him. Secondly, God had given his only begotten Son, Jesus, to take our nature upon him. This was the life of Nazareth, and what He had done by His birth, life, ignoble death, and glorious resurrection and ascension, as well as what He was now doing for us at the right hand of God, was for the purpose of restoring man to a union with God. By the Incarnation of Jesus, God had taken upon himself our troubles, and trials, and sorrows—marvelous mystery to contemplate! As man God had lived on earth, and by His life had taught us how to live; but never had an example been given under more trying circumstances—denied, misrepresented and insulted as He had been. Yet He had borne it all meekly and never assumed His divine power in order to shield himself from danger. He had only assumed the Godhead and worked miracles for the purpose of inspiring men with faith in Him, and with the view of showing men that they worshiped God in man. Jesus died and paid the penalty that men might live. But death could not hold Him, and He came from the grave leading the king of terrors captive in order that He might commence another mission, and open by His resurrection the gates of eternal life to sinners. He then ascended into heaven taking with Him his broken and mangled flesh, and sat on the right hand of God, in order that, as man, He could plead for man, as only one would who had suffered all the infirmities to which humanity is heir. More than this, Christ ascended into heaven in order to send down to mankind the third person of the glorious Trinity—the Holy Spirit—to sanctify men and make him one with God. Such was the work of Christ. Man had no agency in it. He had achieved it unaided by mortal help, and to Him be ascribed all the praise and glory. But it did not follow that all men were to be forced to receive salvation—that all were to accept this work of God, and duty of man was summed up in the one word "believe"—to believe on the foundation built up by God. But this new foundation—this free spirit of the Holy Ghost—could not increase or grow up of itself, and should be nurtured, trained and sustained. Such opportunities were afforded in the sacraments of the Church, baptism and the Holy Eucharist, as well as in acts of holy living and piety. By these means they could attain a state of purity which would eventually unite them with God, and in heaven among those who believed! Had they been baptized? Did they partake of the Lord's Supper? Did they pray? Did they seek to curb their passions, and strive to live in obedience to God's will and commandments? If they did not, they had not that belief which, alone could bring them to the foot of the cross, and they could not partake of eternal life. For them the sacrifices of God might never have been made; the Holy Ghost could never abide with them. They could not make themselves holy, nay, though they bestowed all their goods to the poor and gave their bodies to be burned. There was one atonement on Calvary in which they should participate before they could hope to reach the heaven of holiness and happiness and peace.

THE FAITH OF SAUL—SERMON BY REV. D. R. MILBURN.

Rev. D. R. Milburn, better known as the "Blind Preacher," conducted the services at Rev. Dr. Deems' Church of the Strangers, in Mercer street, yesterday morning. His sermon was based on the verse, (Second Timothy, iv., 7,) "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." The preacher considered the words of the text the most noteworthy of any he had read. The influence they had exerted for 1,900 years deserved profound and serious attention. After a brief description of the birth, life, and crucifixion of the Savior, he pictured the state of society at that period. The Jews had supposed, having put the disturber of the public mind out of the way, that the end of the apostacy was attained. When the Roman soldiers, who guarded the tomb wherein was laid the body of the Savior, had said that an angel came and rolled away the stone, the people said they were drunken, or slept on their post. Saul of Tarsus, a young man of noble parentage, an ardent believer of the Jewish religion, having received letters from the High Priest, was journeying on the road to Damascus. As he neared the city a sudden light shone around him, and he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying, "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?" "Who art thou?" he cried. A voice answered, "I am Jesus, whom thou persecutest." What was this? asked the preacher. Scientific men would have people believe that this vision was a hallucination, or an aberration caused by sun-stroke. It was not a hallucination. It was not an illusion. It was a reality. It was the corner-stone of the universe. Saul rose up from his prostrate condition, and was on the verge of madness for three days and three nights, accusing himself of sinning against the Lord, while believing himself to be a patriot. But he found everything to satisfy our reason in that particular. 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1000	Panama.	113½	100	do.	30
1000	N. Y. Central.	105	100	do.	s30. 29¾
1000	Consol. Coal.	47	500	North-western	69¾
1000	Pacific Mail.	42¾	200	do.	69¾
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ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—Les Huguenots, (Italian Opera) —Mme. Christina Nilsson, Miss A. L. Cary, Signor Campanini.

BOOTH'S THEATRE.—Macbeth—Mme. Fanny Janauschek, Mr. Milnes Levick.

GRAND OPERA-HOUSE.—Jack Harkaway at Sea—Varieties—Mr. G. L. Fox, Wilson Brothers.

LYCEUM THEATRE.—La Fille de Madame Angot, (Opera Bouffe)—Mme. Marie Aimée.

NIBLO'S GARDEN.—Davy Crockett—Mr. Frank Mayo, Miss Rosa Rand.

WALLACK'S THEATRE.—The Heir at Law—Mr. John Gilbert, Mr. John Brougham, Miss Jeffreys-Lewis.

FIFTH AVENUE THEATRE.—Charity—Mr. Charles Fisher, Mr. Frank Hardenberg, Miss Ada Dyas.

UNION SQUARE THEATRE.—Led Astray—Miss Rose Eytinge, Mr. Stuart Robson.

OLYMPIC THEATRE.—Vaudeville and Novelty Entertainment.

THE COLOSSEUM.—Cyclorama of Paris by Moonlight—Music, &c.—Afternoon and evening.

WOOD'S MUSEUM.—Dramatic Performance afternoon and evening. Curiosities.

BRYANT'S MINSTRELS.—Farces, Singing, Comicalities—Messrs. Unsworth, N. Seymour, and others.

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BAIN HALL.—The Pilgrim, (Allegory.)

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Gen. Hawley makes a statement to-day in our columns, in reference to the Centennial, which we trust will receive the careful consideration of our readers. He points out that the country is pledged to have a great Exhibition of arts and industry in 1876, that Philadelphia, and Pennsylvania as a State, have devoted liberal sums of money to the enterprise, and that it is greatly to the interests of the whole American people that the undertaking should be successfully carried out. The objections which have been made to the Exhibition are very vigorously and successfully answered by Gen. Hawley. On the question of expense, the President of the commission states that a grant of $3,000,000 from Congress would probably be all the help needed from that quarter. Altogether, the argument presented by Gen. Hawley is a very strong one, and we must say that we would far rather see Congress give the three millions asked for than run the risk of seeing the whole project collapse. Why not settle the matter at once?

Although the present political canvass in New-Hampshire has been one of the most languid in the history of the State, there are indications that a reasonably full vote will be polled to-morrow. There are three tickets before the citizens, and if the temperance candidates develop any considerable strength, it is possible that there may be no election by the people. It is against this danger the Republicans should guard, and they can only do so by voting for Gen. McCutchins. No service is done the cause of temperance by voting for its distinctive candidates, but, on the contrary, every such vote is a direct benefit to the Democracy and to the liquor interest, for in New-Hampshire that party is committed to the license system. It is conceded by all that the temperance ticket has no chance of election, and that the cause it represents can be best served by a Republican success. All the friends of that cause should therefore unite in support of the Republican candidates.

An "eminent" civil engineer of San Francisco, with the significant name of Stretch, has been employed by some enterprising Western men to investigate a plan for converting the deserts of California into a blooming and fertile garden by pouring into them the waters of the Gulf of California. With that happy faculty for covering the entire ground for which your eminent civil engineer is always noted, Mr. Stretch has reached the conclusion that these deserts were once the home of the civilized Aztecs, and he argues by inference, we suppose, that the region can still be made tolerable to the more energetic but somewhat less enlightened Californians. We are far from rejecting as baseless the anticipations of Mr. Stretch. There are very few things impossible to the citizens of the Golden State, unless it be a moderate and credible statement of their own capabilities and resources, and even this may come after a while. Meantime, the irrigation project opens up a fine field for speculation.

The pleasing illusion that the "balance of trade" during last year was in our favor will not stand examination. The Bureau of Statistics, by figures which we publish in our Washington dispatches, shows that for the nine months ending with October, the tendency of trade was in our favor, but the actual balance was against us. We bought less of foreign nations than during the corresponding period of the previous year by forty-six millions, and we sold them more by eighty-three millions, but we bought more than we sold by eighty-nine millions. What is encouraging is, that in the nine months referred to, the balance against us was one hundred and twenty-nine millions less than the previous year. It must not be forgotten, however, that it remains heavily against us. The statistics to which we refer are interesting. It is to be regretted that they are four months old before they are made public. The delay is not, we are confident, the fault of the bureau, but it nearly destroys the value of the reports.

A moderate share of information as to the nature pledges to which the Government is clearly committed in the management of its finances would save Congressmen considerable time and labor. For instance, a proposition is now before the House of Representatives to make a portion of the duties on imports payable in legal tenders. There has been no session for years at which such a proposition has not been broached. Yet nothing is better established than the fact that the country is clearly pledged to exact payment of duties in coin, and to devote the coin to the creation of a sinking fund for the payment of the bonds of the United States, and to the payment of interest. A reference to the act of Feb. 25, 1862, will make this plain to any member of Congress who cares to investigate it. This act forms a part of the contract with those who loaned money on the bonds. It may be repealed, so far as the power of Congress is concerned. But to repeal or to modify it would, nevertheless, be an obvious breach of faith.

Something practical has been done by the Wisconsin Legislature in behalf of the farmers, by the passage of a bill regulating and reducing railroad charges. The new law fixes the rate for passengers at three cents per mile, which would be an adequate allowance on any Eastern road, and we do not doubt will be found so in Wisconsin. The rate established for the transportation of grain also appears to be liberal enough to the railroads. The provisions of the law to secure its enforcement are very stringent, and its operation will be watched with some interest. The farmers doubtless expect more benefit from it than they will derive, and its chief value will be in proving to them that their grievances are not wholly due to what are called railroad extortions.

FERNANDO WOOD AS A MISSIONARY.

Some originality can be discovered in the speech made by Fernando Wood in the House of Representatives on Saturday. It contains more falsehood and unblushing effrontery than any speech recently delivered in either House of Congress. There is a novelty, too, in the fact of Fernando Wood presenting an indictment which is extremely refreshing. We thought our Ex-Mayor had enough of indictments about the year 1851, but it appears that his elevation to the leadership of the Democracy in the nation has made him oblivious of the past, and overconfident as to the present. Mr. Wood has suddenly gone to throwing stones with great vigor, forgetful of the fact that he lives in a glass house. But with him, as an individual, we have no concern. He speaks as the leader of a party, and in that capacity only can anything he says be deemed worthy of notice. His arraignment of the Republicans is that of his party, and it can be met without pleading the Statute of Limitations, as he did on one memorable occasion in his career.

It is the first charge of Mr. Wood that the Republican Party has maintained a large standing army in a time of peace. Every schoolboy in the land knows that the statement is not true. The promptness with which the armies were disbanded at the close of the war was a marvel of executive administration. Since then, the army of the United States has been barely sufficient in numbers to police the frontiers. Mr. Wood has also discovered that the Republican Party has usurped the State authority in several States, producing anarchy and despotism, and repudiation of their moneyed obligations. There is a rather clever mixture of truth and falsehood in this. Happily for the country, and unfortunately for Democracy, the Republicans did "usurp" the State authority in several States, and among them was that State to which Fernando Wood insisted on shipping arms about the year 1861. But nobody knows better than the Democratic leader that he has falsely stated the results of that so-called "usurpation." He knows, as everybody knows, that the Republican reconstruction policy did not produce anarchy, despotism, or repudiation in any State. It is a waste of time to rehearse facts known to the whole country merely because Fernando Wood has the impudence to deny them.

Among other Republican crimes, according to Fernando, is that it has increased the civil list from 44,500 persons in 1860 to 86,660 in 1873. This charge has not the charm of novelty, for Democrats of less note and more decency than Wood have made it before him. But he forgets, as they always did, to add that this increase is the direct result of the Democratic rebellion, which required the establishment of new Government bureaus. The direct taxation of which he complains is another of the results of his rebellion, and the people are so fully aware of the fact that the statement needs no further comment. Wood finds, among other Republican misdemeanors, that the party has instituted a system of espionage in the execution of the Revenue laws; but he was kind enough to answer this charge himself in his speech, by declaring that the system of allowing moieties to informers "has existed as long as the Government itself." Therefore the Republican Party did not institute the system. He says that Customs officers receive one-sixth of the "moieties"—they receive one-twelfth. He says that the moieties received by them are larger in amount than ever—they are in reality much less, as may be seen from the official statement published the other day. Another count in Wood's indictment is that our terrible party "has stealthily absorbed the whole governmental power of the country at the Federal capital, until all State interests are made subservient and dependent upon its will." This declaration is a startling example of what the gentleman's immediate constituents would call "cheek."

The amazing impudence of this assertion is more than matched by that of Wood's tenth charge, in which he says that the Republican Party "has increased the salaries of all officials, including that of the President." Foremost among the salary-grabbers was Fernando Wood. He was the steadfast friend of the measure from first to last. It is true that he is not recorded on the final votes, for he was called away from the House; but so anxious was he for the passage of the measure that he paired in its favor. For Fernando Wood, of all other Democrats in the land, to arraign the Republican Party for the increase of salaries, is somewhat worse than the pot calling the kettle black. Having made such a charge as this, it was natural that Fernando should next arraign the Republican Party for the high crime of having paid off something over $300,000,000 of the public debt since March, 1869. For once he told the truth, and his party is welcome to all the comfort it can get out of it. Having done so well in this case, we are surprised that our Ex-Mayor should have committed the blunder of charging the Republican Party with teaching "by example a general looseness of public and private morality." Wood has evidently forgotten the character of his constituency, and imagines that Republicans elected him to Congress.

These are the principal specific charges upon which the Democratic leader has arraigned the Republican Party before the country. His speech, as a whole, is only interesting and valuable as showing that the Democratic Party is still without a policy of its own. The harangue was evidently prepared with the view of affording material for the speakers of his party during the political contests of the present year. The Democratic Party is again to go to the people on no other issue than abuse of its opponents. It has no measures of its own to announce. It does not even pretend to be able to make matters any better than they are. The leadership of Fernando Wood will not be accepted in any quarter as holding out a prospect of future reform, although his appearance in the field as an advocate of honesty and virtue will be received everywhere with mingled surprise and amusement.

HOW WE ARE SERVED.

Any one who desires to see how completely, under our modern system of civil service, the idea of patronage has been allowed to prevail, need but examine the methods adopted in our cities. The amount of money expended, and the labor performed, nominally in the interest of the public, are far more considerable under our municipal Governments than under the Federal Government. The money spent, for instance, for cleaning the streets and maintaining the parks of New-York, would pay the expenses of the State Department at Washington.

The City of New-York will expend this year for Public Works and Parks, for Charities and Correction, and for the Police and Fire Departments, nearly half as much as the amount expended last year by the United States for its "civil expenses"—which include those of all the departments at Washington, the Executive, the Judicial, the Congressional expenses, and the expenses of the Territories. The City Government entire—exclusive of the County—will spend more than was appropriated last year for the navy of the United States, and, including the County, will spend one-fourth of the amount required to run the National Government a year, aside from interest and pensions.

But the recognized departments form but a small portion of the municipal system. The entire expenditure which is raised by general taxation is far from covering the ground. To this must be added, in every city, the enormous amount expended in special improvements, in opening and grading streets, in laying out improved ways, and in the construction of the smaller parks, which amount is raised by special assessment on the property supposed to be benefited. If all the money paid out in one year in New-York for services were paid in the form of salaries, it would be easier to comprehend how much it really is, and how much more the like expenditures in the other cities of the Union amount to. By far the greater part of these services are paid for indirectly through contractors, but the employment is controlled by precisely the same principle, and that a vicious one.

Public employment, under our city Governments, even more than under State and Federal Governments, is made subordinate to politics. It is conferred by those to whom it is given in charge, not mainly for the purpose of getting as much as possible for the money, but for the purpose of strengthening one particular party, or a clique within a party, or a particular leader in a clique. The public interest is not always ignored, but it is, except in very rare cases, made subordinate to other interests. No one engaged in our city Governments will deny this. Most persons will undertake to justify it, and those who cannot in conscience justify it will acknowledge that the principle is deeply rooted and widespread, and that any attempt, in particular instances, to combat it is likely to prove difficult and thankless. Where work is done for salary, appointments are referred absolutely and without disguise to politics. To appoint a clerk in a department, or an inspector or a superintendent who was in politics opposed to the party controlling the Government, would be regarded as an act of treachery, and would certainly be laid up against the imprudent officer who was guilty of it. Where work is done by contract a similar system prevails. If the law require the contract to be given to the lowest bidder, it is generally found convenient to have the lowest bidder of the right stripe; or, if this cannot be done, the contractor is made to understand that it is to his profit to employ under him only such men as will serve the party in power.

The inevitable result of this system is corruption. Once waive the right of the public to be served, as private employers are, solely with reference to the value of the service, and there is no saying where the tendency toward the opposite condition of things will stop. If public interest can be subordinated to the interests of a party, it can be to those of a clique, and if to those of a clique, then to those of an individual. If it is right to employ a poorer workman because he will support a party, it is just as right to apply a similar rule to one's own service. Any method that does not make the public interest supreme in the public service is cheating, and it is an easy step from cheating "for the good of the party" to cheating for one's own benefit. We were astounded at the enormity of the plundering under Ring rule; but it was the inevitable consequence of the way in which municipal business was done, and where that way has not been avoided or abandoned, the recurrence of the same kind of corruption is inevitable. The method itself is so bad that there is no setting any limits to the evil that will arise from it.

If we trace back to its origin this enormous evil, we shall find it to arise in the utter impossibility of holding municipal officers to any strict accountability under our prevailing systems. We have scattered power at such a rate that no general and accurate knowledge can be obtained by the community as to who is clearly responsible for evils which every one can see, or as to the means by which these evils are to be removed. Our officers are so numerous, our elections are so frequent, and the "machinery" of politics is so complicated, that to take any active share in the affairs of our cities is a task from which the ordinary citizen shrinks in dismay and disgust. The result is that politics fall largely into the hands of those who expect to make money out of them. They do not, and cannot, command the intelligent attention of disinterested men. Success is too expensive in time and labor to allow the average voter to hope for it. The almost uniform feeling of the merchant and mechanic, in our cities, who, if he did go into politics would go in for public ends only, is that he "has got something better to do." The professionals, who do not care about public ends, know that they can make politics pay, and they do; but it is the merchant and mechanic who settle the bill. The problem presented by this condition of things is a serious one. We do not pretend to offer any immediate solution for it. But it is obvious that those who suppose that civil service reform is a matter which solely or chiefly concerns the National Government, are mistaken. Every citizen will find a fine field for it in the city or district in which he happens to live.

A PAVILION HOSPITAL INSTEAD OF A PEST-HOUSE.

It is a remarkable fact in sanitary experience that for the healing of many kinds of diseases, a grand "model hospital," with ordinary wards, is much less adapted than any large, open, drafty building of a single story, where air has free circulation, and there are no walls poisoned by fevers. In our own war, it will be remembered that the wounded soldiers treated in great railroad stations, or immense pavilions, recovered much faster, and suffered far less from gangrene and pyæmia, than those who were placed in the usual four-story quadrangular grand hospitals. The same experience was obtained in the Crimean war, where the sick in huts without sufficient blankets or proper food recovered much more easily than those in the grand hospital of Scutari, while the mortality was only one-half of that in the latter building.

The sanitary results of the Franco-Prussian war were similar. It is even believed by many sanitarians in this City that a man with some malignant and dangerous wound has a better chance of recovery in any ordinary house, especially a simple, drafty country cottage, than in the wards of the very best hospital—say even the Roosevelt or St. Luke's. It is known that certain kinds of cases now recover better even in tenement-houses than in hospitals. The difficulty and danger with an old hospital is that certain wards become saturated and poisoned with the emanations from malignant disorders, and nothing but burning them down ever seems to purify them.

In this City, as is well known, there is a hospital which has been the dread of the poor, and the *bête noir* of sanitarians for the past thirty or forty years. We mean the notorious "Bellevue." Originally an almshouse, and connected with a jail, it has been permeated and poisoned with malignant typhus and jail fevers, till every ward reeks with pestilence, and distills pyæmia. So terrible, at times, has been this poisoned condition of the walls, that the Commissioners have been compelled to erect a small wooden building for the acute surgical cases. It is, besides, ill-ventilated and overcrowded. Medical men and sanitarians have repeatedly protested against it, and urged its improvement or entire renovation. But there has never been power enough in the opposition to Bellevue to bring about its reform.

A new body has now begun the old crusade afresh—the lady sanitarians of the City, associated under the name of the "State Charities Aid Society," who have already accomplished so much in improving our public charities. The committee of this association, comprising gentlemen who had been on the United States Sanitary Commission, sanitarians, physicians, and ladies of great practical experience in hospitals, and aided by some of the leading physicians and sanitarians outside, have prepared a report showing the terrible mortality in this hospital from gangrene, pyæmia, erysipelas, and other hospital poisons, and urging an entire reform.

This committee recommend the entire destruction of these old poisoned buildings, and the erection of a new hospital on the "pavilion plan."

"The present dimensions of the ground," they report, "within the Bellevue Hospital Incloasure, are 460 feet in width and 530 feet in length. It is proposed to extend the City sewers several hundred feet into the river, and then to fill in on the river line so as to increase the length of the present site to 800 feet, which will give a free surface of 460x300 feet. On this ground it is proposed to erect four or six pavilions sufficient to receive all the surgical cases. The pavilions to be raised say eight feet from the ground, on a structure of masonry to be (say) 120 feet long by 30 feet wide, and to contain (say) thirty beds. These buildings to be one story high with ridge ventilation. Each pavilion must also have connected with it a small executive building containing a day-room, nurses' room, and small reception and operating room. Also in connection with this executive building, and separated from the ward, would be the bath-rooms and water-closets. All the executive buildings to be connected with each other by a basement corridor, the top of which would be on a level with the floor of the wards."

Our own belief is strong that no new hospital should be constructed now, except on the pavilion plan, so that there may be plenty of fresh air about the patients, and less chance of infected walls. It would even be better to build them so cheaply that they could be destroyed every few years, rather than have those expensive piles of building, which become nurseries of pestilence, and the graves of the sick. We trust that the medical profession of this City, which, if united, is irresistible, will second heartily this assault on Bellevue, and enable us at length to have a public "Pavilion Hospital," worthy, in its sanitary improvements, of the humanity and science of this City.

TOY INFERNAL MACHINES.

It is quite proper that, since the explosion on the corner of Broadway and Twentieth street, the Police should have visited the various toy shops and warned their proprietors not to keep in stock the dangerous playthings which caused that accident. It would have been much more satisfactory, however, had such a notice been given before the accident occurred. It is characteristic of the loose way in which such things are managed here that nobody seems to know whether the Parlor Artillery Company had any license to expose their toy infernal machines for sale. We have a Bureau of Combustibles which is supposed to regulate such matters, and the Superintendent of which, we are glad to see, has been zealously experimenting with the parlor artillery cartridges since the explosion, to find out if they will explode. The point, to be sure, seemed to have been pretty well ascertained by the little incident on Broadway, and the subsequent discharge of a parlor-mortar in a mail-bag. As the information was not official, however, the Superintendent of the Bureau of Combustibles may be pardoned for seeking to convince himself by ocular demonstration that there is at least intrinsic probability in the story. When he has fully satisfied his mind on that score, he may perhaps inform an anxious public how it came about that these particular combustibles were allowed to explode just where they did, and whether it is any part of his duty to anticipate and prevent such accidents, as well as to demonstrate after the fact the logical possibility of their occurrence.

We do not know if it is included in the instructions of this official to make regular official inspections of toy shops and such other places as come within the purview of his office. If it is, we can hardly believe that the duty is very conscientiously discharged, or the inspection made with any great amount of care. Otherwise, the exhibition of this "parlor artillery" affair could never have taken place in so conspicuous a place as Broadway and Twentieth street, or that a license should have been obtained without experiments which would prove its dangerous character. There are many other toys sold in the shops which are quite unfit to be intrusted to the hands of children. Of course, they are all pronounced perfectly harmless by the dealers, and so they are, no doubt, when handled by adults. With children they too often tell a different story. Among these are toy steam-engines of various kinds, with patent safety-valves which render it altogether impossible that they should explode. Trusting to such a certificate, a foolish father, the other day, took home one of these inventions, and within half an hour after it had been set going on his parlor carpet, he had the satisfaction of seeing his "perfectly harmless" steam-engine burst in the faces of his children.

It may be said that parents who buy such playthings are themselves greatly to blame. But it will be admitted that people should be allowed to walk the streets, without the risk of being blown up at every corner. One of the reasons for the existence of a Bureau of Combustibles should be, it seems to us, the furnishing of just such guarantees. The public, especially the parental public, is interested to know how far our own Bureau of Combustibles counts this among its duties. If not at all, then it is time to impose the obligations upon this or some other bureau that will attend to it. The licensing and supervision of toy-vendors is evidently managed much too loosely for the general safety.

DRUNKENNESS AND MURDER.

The precise extent to which the vice of intemperance is responsible in this country for crimes of violence, it is difficult to determine with exactness. Every man who takes a glass of wine is not an incipient murderer, while many murderers are patterns of sobriety. It cannot be questioned, however, that the proportion of homicides due directly to this cause is alarmingly great, and such as to make the suppression of the vice a matter of pressing importance. Let us take two instances from Saturday's papers, one in California, the other in Illinois, which are samples of occurrences taking place every day all over the country.

The first was in the town of Watsonville, where Dr. C. E. Cleveland, a leading physician of the place, and Milton J. Gilkey, a mill-wright, had been for many years at feud. Cleveland had often threatened Gilkey's life, and the latter had as often declared himself ready for any hostile movement. "Threatened men," however, according to the proverb, "live long," and as a rule probably longer than drunken men. Had the two enemies kept sober, it is likely enough that they might have enjoyed the luxury of abusing and threatening one another for many years to come. Unluckily, however, they both drank to excess, and still more unluckily, one Saturday night, a week or two ago, they chanced to get drunk simultaneously, and in that condition to meet. The doctor was the aggressor. "At about 10 o'clock on that evening he dropped into the Mansion House, considerably under the influence of liquor," and "threatening to shoot his enemy on sight." When he left, about 12, he was very much intoxicated, and proportionately menacing. A young man with him endeavored to get him home, but within two blocks of his house the doctor stopped and resumed his maledictions. At this fatal moment, Gilkey came out of an adjoining saloon where he had been similarly improving the shining hours, and so in the moonlight the two foes met face to face.

At once followed one of those ferocious duels with which California was familiar in the early days, but which are happily growing rarer. The two men drew their pistols, standing six feet apart, but the doctor was a little the quicker, and a ball from his pistol struck his antagonist in the right breast. Mortally wounded as he was, Gilkey contrived to steady himself, and took deliberate aim at his enemy. The two weapons made one report, and the doctor fell dead with a bullet through his heart, Gilkey expiring an instant after. Both men were over fifty years of age, and Dr. Cleveland leaves a wife and several children. Both, apparently, were in their various ways men of mark in their little community, and both would probably be still alive but for spending that fatal evening in a bar-room.

The other case is not less painful, and if anything more impressive. The Marshal of an Illinois town had arrested a young man, well connected but of dissipated habits, for some trifling infraction of a local ordinance. On the way, the captive attempted to escape from custody. The Marshal pursued, caught him as he was climbing a fence, put his arms about his neck and his pistol to his head, and so blew his brains out. There had never been any bad feeling between the two men. They were simply drunk. Such cases multiply themselves in all the papers. They are part of the current history of every country town; and in every case the long train of domestic miseries and blighted reputations, ending at last in murder and sudden death, may be traced to the "drink or two in the bar-room." We need not attempt to draw any moral from these events. It is only too obvious. Can we hope that it will be heeded?

AMUSEMENTS.

THE ITALIAN OPERA.

"Gli Ugonotti" is to be the opera at the Academy of Music this evening. It should not be forgotten that Meyerbeer's magnificent work calls into requisition the services of almost every member of Mr. Strakosch's company, Mme. Nilsson personating *Valentina*, Miss Cary *Urbano*, Mlle. Maresi the *Queen*, Signor Campanini *Raoul*, M. Maurel *St. Bris*, Signor Del Puente *Nevers*, and Signor Nannetti *Marcello*. So strong a cast is rarely secured, even in the foremost theatres of Europe.

M. MAUREL'S BENEFIT NIGHT.

A special representation is to occur at the Academy of Music, to-morrow evening, for the benefit of M. Victor Maurel. It is to combine the attractions of an opera, a concert, and a French operette entertainment, and is to enlist the efforts of the very *crème de la crème* of Mr. Strakosch's artists. The performance will comprise the following elements: First, the third act of "Ernani" will be recited, with M. Capoul as *Ernani*, M. Maurel as *Carlo Quinto*, Signor Scolara as *Silva*, and Mlle. Torriani as *Elvira*. Then a concert will be given, in which Mme. Nilsson will sing and M. Wieniawski will play. Next, the third act of "Rigoletto," with M. Maurel as *Rigoletto*, and Mlle. Torriani, will be done. Finally, as a novel and striking *dénouement*, MM. Capoul and Maurel will appear in the "bouffonerie musicale," called "Les Deux Aveugles," and written, as to the music, by Offenbach. So varied a bill, interpreted by performers of so high a rank, has certainly never been offered the public, and we trust that the distinguished singer on whose benefit night it is to be presented—and whose like we shall not soon see again—will find that it proves as potent to bring together a large audience as its interest warrants us in looking for.

COMPLIMENTARY CONCERT TO M. WIENIAWSKI.

M. Wieniawski, the eminent violinist, who has several times been on the point of quitting the United States, but has always been kept back by golden bonds accepted at the very last minute, has at length determined, it seems, to depart for Europe via Havana. He has now accepted the position of Professor of the violin *classe de perfectionnement* at the Brussels Conservatory, and further delay is out of the question. A concert he announces for Thursday at Steinway Hall may, therefore, be regarded as his definite leave-taking, and we hope that particular notice will be accorded both the occasion and its features. That the rank of M. Wieniawski in art and his good work in this country deserve recognition by a large attendance of *dilettanti* does not need fresh affirmation. For the attractiveness of his farewell pepformance the programme speaks with sufficient eloquence. The bill for Thursday runs thus:

Overture, "Jubel".....Weber
Duo from "Le Chalet".....Ad. Adam
MM. V. Capoul and V. Maurel.
{a. Romance, in F.....Beethoven
{b. Polonaise, (No. 2).....H. Wieniawski
H. Wieniawski and orchestra.
Aria, from "Il Barbiere di Siviglia".....Rossini
Signor Ferranti.
Polacca from "Mignon".....A. Thomas
Miss Graziella Ridgway.
{a. Bourrée and Double, {b. Preludium Vivace, (E major) }.....J. S. Bach
H. Wieniawski.
Overture, "Merry Wives of Windsor".....Nicolai
Variations brillantes, on a thema of Pacini, for soprano and violin.....Artot
Miss Ridgway and H. Wieniawski.
Aria from "La Favorita".....Donizetti
M. Victor Maurel.
"Medjé".....Ch. Gounod
M. V. Capoul.
Capriccio—Valse.....H. Wieniawski
H. Wieniawski.
Duo from "Crispino e la Comare".....Ricci
Miss Ridgway and Signor P. Ferranti.

BRIEF NOTES.

"La Fille de Mme. Angot" will be done at the Lyceum, by Mlle. Aimee and her troupe, this evening....The regular Monday concert by Mr. Gilmore's fine band may be attended at the Twenty-second Regiment armory, to-night. ....The Sunday concert at the Grand Opera-House yesterday was enjoyed by an overflowing audience. Mr. Gilmore's band played as usual. M. Wieniawski was recalled time and again after his marvelous violin performances, and M. Capoul and Mlle. Torriani supplied the vocal music....The Brooklyn Philharmonic concert took place on Saturday evening, in presence of an immense assemblage. The vocalist was Miss Cary, whose recital of "Che farò senza Euridice" and "Voi che sapete" elicited enthusiastic applause; the orchestra, under Mr. Thomas' baton, did its work—all familiar to New York *dilettanti*—with its wonted spirit and precision.

HOME GOSSIP.

The Lydia Thompson Troupe was last week at the St. Louis Olympic....Miss Lotta was at De Bar's, in St. Louis....Mr. Edwin Booth was at McVicker's, in Chicago....Mr. J. K. Emmett was at the Chicago Globe....Mme. Anna Bishop was giving concerts in San Francisco....Mr. F. S. Chanfrau was at Ford's, in Washington, last week....Mr. Dion Boucicault was at the National Theatre, in Washington....Miss Maggie Mitchell was at Robinson's Opera-house, in Cincinnati....Miss Leclercq is to act this week at Ford's, in Baltimore....Miss Cushman was last week at the Walnut Street Theatre, in Philadelphia....Mr. Sothern was at the Boston Theatre....The Vokes Family was at the Howard Theatre, in Boston....Miss Bowers acted in Albany last week....Mozart Hall, in Cincinnati, is to be transformed, by a thorough reconstruction, into a theatre.

FOREIGN NOTES.

Herr Joachim is playing in London....A complimentary benefit is to be given Mr. Benjamin Webster....The London *Daily News* of Feb. 12, says: "Mr. Mapleson, who, for some time past has been actively engaged in completing his arrangements for the forthcoming Italian opera season, proposes to open Drury Lane Theatre about the middle of next month, so that shortly after the arrival of the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh his season will be fairly established. One of the most interesting features in the programme is the early production of Balfe's posthumous opera, 'Il Talismano,' which was unavoidably postponed last year." Mme. Nilsson, who then carefully rehearsed the character of *Edith Bereger*, will, it is stated, arrive from America in time to sustain the part. Mme. Titiens, always one of Mr. Mapleson's most welcome artists, and Mme. Trebelli-Bettini, her worthy companion, Signors Campanini, Fancelli, Conrad Behrens, and Faladini, are once more members of the company. But Mr. Mapleson also promises two new prime donne who have achieved several successes in Italy and other parts of the continent. Mlle. Lodi, a young Italian, said to be a member of a noble family, has appeared at Milan in several operas with distinguished success. Mlle. Louise Singalée, a soprano of great purity, has likewise won a high reputation. She has lately been performing at Berlin with Mme. Trebelli-Bettini, and secured such popularity that the Berlinese are greatly disappointed at losing her"....The season at the Queen's Theatre, in London, was expected to close on the 27th ult., and Mrs. John Wood was then to take her benefit and make her last appearance for the present in the "Wandering Heir," prior to her taking an original part in Byron's new comedy, "An American Lady," at the Criterion Theatre....The *Athenæum* says: "We are glad to hear that Mr. Halliwell has consented to issue forthwith five-and-twenty copies of the important documents lately discovered by him relating to Shakespeare's not being a stage-player in the theatres in which he was supposed to have acted. These documents will please be found in the Court Rolls of Great Britain, the United States and Canada, so that Shakespeare students may at once have access to them, without waiting for the issue of the first part of Mr. Halliwell's *Illustrations of the Life of Shakespeare*, some five or six months hence"....The *Pall Mall Gazette* says: "A successful melodrama of the old school by that practised melodramatic hand, M. Dennery—in collaboration with M. Carmon—has been produced at the Paris Porte St. Martin under the title of 'Les Deux Orphelines.' The 'two orphans' are foster sisters, one of whom is blind but beautiful, the other beautiful but not blind. Quitting their native Normandy, both come to Paris, where the girl pre-eminent for her beauty is seized and carried off by a wicked Marquis, while the girl whose chief peculiarity is her blindness falls into the power of a guilty hag, widow of a miscreant who has perished on the scaffold and mother of two sons, the elder a malefactor of prodigious strength, the younger a poor but virtuous cripple. The wicked Marquis is foiled in his designs upon the beautiful sister through her suddenly finding a champion in one of the least dissolute of his generally dissolute friends; but the champion has an aristocratic uncle, who will not allow him to marry the young woman on whose behalf he has drawn his sword, and who, moreover, profiting by his position as Lieutenant of Police, makes arrangements for shipping her off, in company with far less deserving persons, to a distant colony. But a lady who is better entitled to start on this particular kind of voyage takes her place and enables her to remain in Paris, where in due time she becomes the wife of her defender, and devoted lover. For it has turned out that that gentleman's aunt is the mother of the blind sister, of whom she has long lost sight, and who, since her arrival in Paris, has been forced by the infamous old woman previously mentioned to go about the streets singing and begging in her character of blind girl. Of many effective scenes, two in particular are spoken of; one in which the mother of the blind girl, coming out of a church, gives alms to her hungry, half-naked child without recognizing her; the other, in which the sister, who is expecting every hour to be transported, hears from the interior of her prison the voice of the blind girl singing in the streets. In a third remarkable scene, which can scarcely be the most agreeable in the piece, the virtuous cripple, in protecting the blind girl against the violence of his brother, the burly malefactor, kills the latter. Finally, the last scene of all, the oculist appears, who holds out hopes that the blind girl may, by an operation, recover her sight."....M. Ismael, of the Opera Comique, has been named Professor of Lyric Declamation at the Conservatoire, in place of M. Obin, resigned....M. Alexandre Dumas read, a few days ago, to the actors of the Odéon the "Jeunesse de Louis XIV." The piece has been in rehearsal for some time, but only the first two acts were finished, the three others requiring condensation and retouching, and they have only now been given to the copyist. Mlle. Antonine has been lent by the management of the Vaudeville to create in this place the part of the *Duke d'Anjou*, brother of the King....MM. Moineaux, Coning, and Vesseur are about to read to the Director of the Bouffes-Parisiens their piece, entitled "Les Parisiennes," which is to be immediately put in rehearsal....The death, at Algiers, suddenly, is announced of the actor Leroux, at the age of fifty-five, retired associate of the Théâtre Français. He entered the Conservatoire at the age of nineteen, and after having obtained, in 1833, a second prize for comedy, made his début at the Français, on May 28, 1841, in the part of *Dorante* of the "Menteur"....M. Litolff has written the music for the "Belle au Bois Dormant" of Clairville, which is to succeed at the Paris Châtelet the "Pilules du Diable." The first act is finished. Mme. Mélanie Reboux has been engaged to sustain the principal rôle....The operatic spectacle, "Orphée aux Enfers," in a modified and greatly improved form, has been revived at the Gaieté. The work is divided into four acts and twelve tableaux, on which all the resources of scenic art have been expended. The rôle of *Pluto*, formerly sustained by Leonce, is played by Montaubry; that of *Jupiter*, created by Dehrle, is performed by Christian, of the Variétés; Mme. Marie Cico fills the part of *Eurydice*; Angele that of *Venus*. Mlle. Perret that of *Diana*, and Mme. Gilbert personifies *Public Opinion*. The rôle of *Orphée* has been given to M. Meyronnet, a pupil of Roger, and who won the *grand du chant* at the last *concours* of the Conservatoire. To the popular music of the original work Offenbach has made some important additions of his own, which greatly enhance its attractions. A large amount of money has been expended on the scenery, which is described as possessing extraordinary artistic merit, and there are three new ballets....The widow of Rubini has just died at Milan in her eightieth year. She was a Frenchwoman, named Adelaide Chaunel, and leaves a large fortune....The *American Register* of Feb. 14 has the following: "After several postponements, 'Le Astuzie Femminili' was produced on Thursday evening at the Italiens, before one of the most fashionable and numerous audiences that we have seen assembled within its walls. A good deal of curiosity had been excited by the announcement of this old and once-popular opera, and it was further stimulated by the fact that the rôle of *Gianpaolo* is sustained by Zucchini, the best buffo of our day. In the other characters in which the audiences of the Italiens have known him he has had an opportunity of amusing them merely in isolated scenes, while in Cimarosa's work he occupies their attention during nearly the whole of the evening. This fact alone held out a promise of great enjoyment, and, as we have said, there was a strong muster of the *habitués* who favor the works of the old Italian répertoire. The cast was as follows: *Filandro*, Debassini; *Giampaolo*, Zucchini; *Romualdo*, Fiorini; *Bellina*, Mme. Brambilla; *Erzilia*, Mme. Bordani; *Leonora*, Mme. Fraldi. It is so long since this work has been performed in Paris (1856) that it has all the freshness and charm of novelty. It is noisy, bustling, and full of comic action, pushed to a point which is

THE SPRING ELECTIONS.

NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

A VISIT TO THE FARMERS' CANDIDATE AT HIS HOME.

From Our Own Correspondent.

CONCORD, N. H., Thursday, March 5, 1874.

Yesterday I paid a visit to Gen. Luther McCutchins, the Farmer Candidate of the Republicans of New-Hampshire, at his home in New-London. New-London is a little town of about 1,000 inhabitants, on the top of a ridge of hills midway between the Northern and the Concord and Claremont railroads, and eight miles from any depot. The village is merely the point at which the church, the post-office, and the store are located, and its inhabitants, with the exception of a few tradesmen, are farmers whose land lies around the place. Among these is Gen. McCutchins, who has been a common tiller of the soil there for more than thirty years. I found him on his farm feeding cattle, in rough homespun costume, and with no coat on. He greeted me very cordially, and invited me into his house, which is a plain, common farm-house in all its appointments, such as may be found by the hundred among the hills of the Granite State. McCutchins is a brawny specimen of his class, six feet and two or three inches in stature, broad-shouldered and sturdy. His large, square, strongly-marked face is bronzed by exposure to the rough climate of this region, and is surmounted by thick, obstinate gray hair. I conversed with him for two hours, mostly on public affairs and matters relating to this coming election. He is well-informed, having a fondness for history and the records of current events, and is intelligent and outspoken. His strongest characteristics appear to be straightforward honesty, good common sense and hearty cordiality of manner. He has little education except what he has picked up for himself, having been left an orphan in poverty when but seven years of age. Nevertheless, he fitted himself to teach in the district schools of the State, and for fifteen years, when a young man, was a school-master in Winter and a farmer in Summer. The people of his own country have such confidence in his judgment and integrity, that for many years it has been a common custom to refer cases to him, and have them tried before him instead of carrying them into court. He has been in office in his own town almost constantly, and has been two or three times sent to the Legislature. Beyond that he has never occupied official position. Last Summer when the leaders of the party were preparing the way for this campaign, it was concluded to be expedient to select a working farmer as a candidate for Governor, and he was selected. According to his own account of this choice it was almost thrust upon him, as he not only made no effort in his own behalf, but was rather reluctant to be put forward.

With regard to his chances of election, he says that, so far as his personal feelings are concerned, he would rather be allowed to remain quietly at home attending to his work, but he thinks it important that the Republican Party should carry the State. The Administration, he thinks, ought not to lose another State. Whatever its shortcomings may be, and whatever evils and corruptions may have sprung up, he sees no safety in allowing the control of affairs to drift into the hands of the Democrats. Should it do so, and that party gain a predominance in the nation, he is fearful that the South will make claims which that party will be pledged to have some regard for and which will be dangerous to the Union. The doctrine of State rights, which has been the source of national troubles ever since the nation was established, will be revived, and there is no telling what the consequences may be. In this State he admits that the only issue on which there appears to be any popular interest at this time and it is not considered worth while to increase them. The principal ones are Mr. Ela and Senator Wadleigh, who are engaged every night; the others are men of local reputation only. The prohibition candidate, Dr. Blackmore, is stumping actively in his own behalf, visiting those towns where there is a little band of the faithful who hold the balance of power between the other parties. Precisely what he expects to gain it is not easy to see, unless it is to defeat the Republican Party. If that party loses the election, it will be on account of the votes thrown away on the zealous but impracticable Doctor. That rum-sellers' political agency known as the License Alliance, has called is that of regulating or preventing the sale of intoxicating liquors. With regard to the merits of this controversy he seemed disinclined to speak, but he doubted the motives of what is called the Prohibition Party. If, as is claimed, they wish to found a great national party, the object of which shall be to suppress the sale of liquors altogether, they might at least be open and above board about it. It is not becoming for them to attempt, by tricks and intrigue, to undermine an existing party, which has in view the suppression of the evils of intemperance, as well as many other important objects.

His own chance of election, he says, depends mainly on all the Republicans of the State rallying to his support. The danger is that too many of them will stay at home and not vote, which will not be on account of any objection to him personally, but on account of a general feeling of dissatisfaction with the management of the party in national matters.

The General has no connection whatever with the grange movement, and does not believe in arraying one class of citizens against another. If he is chosen it will be as a representative of what has always been the most important element of the people of the State. He cannot tell what may be thought of him elsewhere, but he is sure that among those who know him he is strong, and he knows of a number of Democrats who have said that they would never vote against him.

Considerable spirit has been awakened this week, and the speakers who have visited several of the larger towns declare that they find no lack of interest and no evidence of apathy. At the Republican head-quarters I am told that more letters are received than last year, and that they show more activity. The canvass which is kept there, made up of reports from different sections of the State, is well advanced and makes a good showing, better, in fact, than a year ago. The Democrats appear to be making no effort whatever. They have not held a single public meeting, and have not a speaker in the field. Whether this is owing to confidence on the fact that they think the less said on their cause the better, I will not undertake to say. A few days now will settle the contest.

CONNECTICUT.

A CLOSE VOTE EXPECTED BY BOTH PARTIES.

From Our Own Correspondent.

HARTFORD, Saturday, March 7, 1874.

The work of the campaign, so far, has been of the quiet sort, through the district and local committees of both parties, and has related mainly to the registration of new voters. All those who are "to be made," must, under the registration law, have their applications presented to the registers in every town on or before Saturday of next week, the 14th inst., or they cannot be admitted. Systematic work to insure the admission of all new voters is very necessary, and in a State so close as is Connecticut a very little extra exertion may determine the result of the election. Much depends upon the efficiency of the registers themselves, who, in their canvassings, are supposed to get the name and residence of every man who must make application, and as the voters to be made themselves are, as a rule, neglectful or forgetful, and have to be looked after, the importance of activity by the registers cannot be underestimated. The Democrats this year have been very particular to have this matter looked after, that being one of the special things the State Committee has followed up, and the Republicans, during the coming week, should bend their whole energies in the same direction. But after the applications are all in, the work is only half done. Then, as the Boards of Selectmen meet to admit new voters, the Town Committee send the most effective organization to secure the qualification of every applicant. It is singular how much of compulsion almost, is required to get men to enjoy this "blessed boon" of the suffrage. The party committeeman now sits up nights for the preservation of Republican institutions, theoretically, while the average freeman practically, don't care a rush apparently for his own privileges, and is only brought to the enjoyment of it by strenuous endeavors of which he knows nothing until perchance he himself rises on some glorious morning to the dignity and responsibilities of Chairman of a Town Committee.

Much old issue the probability of no choice of a State ticket by the people is being conceded by the State rights of both parties. Gov. Ingersoll received a majority of 3,763 in New-Haven last year. Mr. Barnes, the Republican candidate, a year ago, had 1,701 votes against 4,694 Republicans voted ticket three years before. This year Mr. Harrison will have the whole party strength and some times. I think it is reasonable to estimate a loss of at least 2,200 votes to the Democratic ticket, and a corresponding gain for Mr. Harrison, and changes in like manner will occur in those towns which were more or less affected by the Republican disaffection in the city of New-Haven last year. The total vote in the State will be increased somewhat if the day of voting shall be pleasant. If Ingersoll loses 2,500 at home, that, comparing with his total majority in the whole State of 3,763, will bring him down—if he should hold his own in other sections, which is doubtful—to so small a margin that the temperance party, with the activity they are now displaying, would very likely to cover it in gains, and defeat a popular election. But taking a more probable view, that the Republican vote generally will be considerably increased, the possibility of an election by the people is altogether more remote. At all events, the managers of both parties will make the Legislature the objective point. In the table furnished in this correspondence last week, it was very manifest that the Republicans can, by proper exertions and the nominations of the best and most available men, secure control of both Houses, and the figures in detail were given in order that Republicans at large might understand the precise situation and govern themselves accordingly. The whole thing narrows down to a sharp, decisive contest in every doubtful town; and to a very great extent the superiority of leadership will tell the story.

I have just been looking over an official table of Republican and Democratic majorities in each town last year, and find that small majorities prevailed in the following-named towns, taking a change of a very few votes, not exceeding twelve in any case, to reverse things this year:

Towns.	Majorities. Rep.	Dem.	Towns.	Majorities Rep.	Dem.
Berlin		13	Brooklyn	14	
Newington	7		Canterbury		23
Suffield		18	Torrington	6	
Beacon Falls	5		Warren	4	
Cheshire		19	Washington		4
Madison	19		Winchester	8	
North Branford	20		Bethel		9
Oxford		11	Huntington		2
Seymour		12	New Canaan		17
Southbury		15	Redding	5	
Wolcott		2	Ridgefield		21
Prospect	57		Cornwall	17	
Moorebridge	14		Andover		4
East Lyme	9		Hebron	9	
Ledyard	6		Somers	8	
Lisbon		4	Stafford		10
Old Lyme	11		Union		10
Salem	21				

Nominations in some of the Senatorial Districts have already been made, and most of the conventions from the districts have been called. The Prohibitionists have several Senatorial candidates now in the field, and will probably go into every district where an opening appears.

COMMERCE AND NAVIGATION.

FIGURES FROM THE BUREAU OF STATISTICS.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—Monthly report No. 4 of the Bureau of Statistics is in press. It contains the statistics of our foreign trade for the month ending Oct. 31, 1873, and for the nine months ending at the same period, as compared with the corresponding time of 1872. The following is a synopsis:

Periods.	Imports.	Domestic Exports, Specie Values.	Foreign Exports.
Month ending Oct. 31, 1873	$57,338,909	$51,770,698	$1,867,316
Month ending Oct. 31, 1872	54,494,970	46,155,942	3,663,858
Nine months ending Oct. 31, 1873	450,357,511	488,217,474	21,077,443
Nine months ending Oct. 31, 1872	391,564,124	437,237,576	21,504,899

The portions of the imports and exports for the nine months ending Oct. 31, 1873, and 1872, which consisted of specie and bullion, and of merchandise, respectively, were as follows:

1873.	Imports.	Domestic Exports, (Specie Values.)	Foreign Imports.
Specie and bullion	$22,090,391	$46,438,632	$6,730,307
Merchandise	387,277,230	438,777,843	14,347,136
1872.			
Specie and bullion	18,075,343	41,731,957	7,673,259
Merchandise	373,518,291	355,505,619	13,831,640

The value of foreign commodities remaining in warehouse Oct. 31, 1873, was $68,606,604, against $69,075,725 on Oct. 31, 1872.

Allowing for the difference in the warehouse account, the imports for the nine months ending Oct. 31, 1873, exceed the domestic and foreign exports, combined by $41,541,715, while for the same period of 1872 the excess of imports over exports was $198,561,253.

Of the total foreign trade for the nine months ending Oct. 31, 1873 and 1872, the following values were carried in American and foreign vessels and in cars and other land vehicles respectively:

1873.	Imports.	Domestic Exports, (Mixed Values.)	Foreign Exports.
American vessels	$147,438,719	$191,953,119	$7,161,171
Foreign vessels	200,332,705	421,519,417	11,987,127
Land vehicles	12,567,087	6,794,763	2,619,145
1872.			
American vessels	160,729,021	138,388,502	5,947,349
Foreign vessels	415,929,666	236,081,671	12,994,433
Land vehicles	15,633,447	3,936,515	3,963,074

An examination of the foregoing table shows that of the total trade by water during the nine months ending Oct. 31, 1873, only twenty-five per cent. was in American vessels, and for the corresponding period of 1872, twenty-eight per cent. was carried in American vessels.

The following table shows the number and tonnage of vessels engaged in the foreign trade which entered into and cleared from the United States during the twelve months ending Oct. 31, 1873, and 1872, respectively:

	Entered— No.	Tons.	Cleared— No.	Tons.
1873.				
American vessels	11,372	3,749,659	11,586	3,850,052
Foreign vessels	20,303	8,442,661	20,464	8,415,177
Total	31,675	12,186,320	32,050	12,265,229
1872.				
American vessels	11,121	3,794,751	11,026	3,715,104
Foreign vessels	19,126	7,392,359	19,162	7,331,807
Total	30,247	11,117,110	30,188	11,046,911

In addition to the usual summaries, this report contains a table showing the value of the imports and exports of the United States, (distinguishing specie and bullion from merchandise,) annually, from 1790 to 1873, inclusive. also statements showing the trade of Great Britain for 1873; statistics of Bremen exports from the Consular District of Chemnitz to the United States for the year ending Sept. 30, 1873; prices of tea in Japan; trade of Cuba; and importations of silk into New-York from 1866 to 1873, inclusive.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF SOVEREIGNS OF INDUSTRY.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., March 8.—The National Council of Sovereigns of Industry closed its three days' union in this city on Saturday night, having perfected its organization and framed its constitution. The officers elected are as follows: President, Wm. H. Earle, of Worcester, Mass.; Vice President, S. S. Davis, of Nashua, N. H.; Secretary, A. L. Burbank, of Worcester; Treasurer, E. W. Dickinson, of Springfield; Lecturer, John Orvis, of Boston; Steward, Mary A. Dickinson, of Springfield; Assistant Steward, Edward M. Granes, of New-Haven; Inside Guard, Edward Honlan, of Hammonton, N. J.; Outside Guard, H. R. Matheson, of New-Britain, Conn.; Executive Committee, Wm. H. Earle, Worcester, Mass.; H. T. Elliot, Chicago; A. H. Kendall, Springfield, and George R. Kraaley, Hartford, Conn.

The new constitution provides for State Councils to be made up of ten representatives from each subordinate council, of which there must be at least ten in a State before a State Council can be formed. Two delegates from each of the State Councils will constitute the National Council. The condition at eligibility to membership is that the candidate must be over sixteen years of age, and engaged in some industrial pursuit, and must have no interest conflicting with the purposes of the order.

THE PALESTINE EXPLORATION SOCIETY.

PHILADELPHIA, March 8.—A large meeting in the interests of the Palestine Exploration Society was held this evening in the First Presbyterian Church. Prof. Hitchcock, the President of the society, and Lieut. Steever of the United States army, the commander of the late expedition into Moab, made interesting statements. Liberal subscriptions to the funds of the society are being made in this city.

THE BROTHERHOOD OF LOCOMOTIVE ENGINEERS.

ST. LOUIS, March 8.—Interviews held by the Globe reporter with several railroad officials, reveals the fact that it is the pretty general opinion in railroad circles that the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers will very soon make a formal demand for a restoration of the wages prevailing before the panic, and if this is not acceded to, that the Brotherhood will at once declare a strike, and will require all if employed to stop work, until the railroad companies surrender.

THE POSTMASTER OF BOSTON.

RUMORS OF AN INTENDED CHANGE FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES—A FRIEND OF BUTLER TO SUCCEED MR. BURT.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

BOSTON, March 8.—The report was again revived to-day that Postmaster Burt is to be removed by request of Gen. Butler, on account of his alleged efforts to get himself appointed as a compromise man in place of Simmons for Collector, during the fight, and it is further announced that Andrew J. Bailey, of Charlestown, at present in the State Senate, and one of the most active and influential Butler men in the Charlestown District, is to be put in Gen. Burt's place. The *Globe* will publish interviews with both gentlemen to-morrow morning, and the views of others, which go to show the truth of the report. Gen. Burt says he has received no notice of removal, though his manner and statements gave the impression that he would not be surprised to receive such notice as any moment. He declared that his visit to Washington at the time of the Collectorship fight was purely on business connected with the new Post Office building, but he took a hand in it because he thought it advisable for the good of the party in the State. He believes that if the removal does take place it will be in defiance of the people's will. If a change were to be made for political purposes, he thought now was a good time. The Post Office, with its branches in Cambridge, Charlestown, and elsewhere, offered a rare opportunity for the exercise of party power, and Mr. Bailey was, perhaps, as efficient a worker as Gen. Butler could desire. "It may be the fact," he added, "that the President, seeing that there were six Republican papers in this city bitterly opposed to him because of the Simmons nomination, might conclude that Boston had gone over to the enemy, and could only be brought back to the support of such measures as Gen. Butler might desire or advise. Senator Bailey told the interviewer that he had received no offer of the position from Gen. Butler, and that were the place offered him now, very likely he might refuse. He believed Gen. Burt competent as a Postmaster, though he (Bailey) thinks he has some practical ideas about running a Post Office. He should not wish to oust Gen. Burt, though he did not deny that, were the position vacant, he might be induced to accept it. The impression, however, got from his talk was that there's something in the wind.

ANTI-RAILROAD LEGISLATION IN THE WEST.

A BILL REGULATING RAILROAD CHARGES PASSED BY THE WISCONSIN LEGISLATURE.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., March 8.—The Potter bill to establish passenger and freight tariffs on railroads which has passed both houses, and now awaits the signature of the Governor to become a law, is a strong anti-railroad bill. It provides that the principal roads shall charge only three cents per mile for passengers; for grain in car-loads, six cents per 100 pounds, for the first twenty-five miles, four cents for the second, and two cents for every additional twenty-five miles. An attempt to charge more forfeits the right to receive any compensation. Refusal to receive freights and passengers at these rates shall result in a fine of $300 for each offense. The bill provides for the appointment of three Railroad Commissioners, who shall have power to examine books and papers in the railroad offices, and compel witnesses to attend; shall report every January the actual cost of each railroad, the total gross receipts, net earnings, total interest-bearing indebtedness of the company, and amount of interest paid; shall decide questions of rates.

What is called the West Warehouse bill has settled the reform business with the farmers. The warehouses receive, under the present law, two cents a bushel for the storage of grain. The bill provides for a rate of one cent. The railway companies owning warehouses fought the bill, which would reduce their earnings, and increase the value of wheat to the farmers one cent a bushel, and have managed to have it indefinitely postponed. As the Legislature adjourns Thursday, it will not be touched.

PASSAGE BY THE IOWA LEGISLATURE OF A BILL RESTRICTING RAILROAD FARES.

DES MOINES, Iowa, March 8.—The House yesterday, by a vote of 92 to 4, passed the Senate Railroad bill fixing maximum rates for the transportation of passengers and freights, amended so as to place branch roads in the same class as main lines. Under its provisions railroads are divided into three classes—A, B, and C. The roads in Class A are allowed to charge three cents per mile for the transportation of passengers, class B, three and one-half cents, and class C, four cents. The roads in class A, for freight, ten per cent. less than the printed schedule in the bill. In class B, five per cent. more. In class C, twenty per cent. more. Penalties for violation are very severe, and the State provides $10,000 for prosecution of roads, to be drawn subject to the order of the Governor. An individual may recover five times the amount of damages sustained.

BY MAIL AND TELEGRAPH.

The Municipal election in Camden, N. J., to take place on Tuesday, is creating considerable excitement among politicians.

The damages to the Consolidated European and North American Railway by the freshet near St. John, N. B., on the 4th inst., is repaired and all trains run regularly as usual.

The strike in the pipe-rooms of Messrs. Starr & Son's foundry, in Camden, N. J., still continues. The strikers held a secret meeting on Saturday night for the purpose of advancing their organization.

The large boot factory of D. W. Drury & Co., in Spencer, Mass., with its contents, was burned yesterday morning. Loss on building, $85,000; insured, $11,000; on stock, $50,000; insurance unknown.

POLITICAL NOTES.

Col. John S. Mosby, of Virginia, expresses a willingness to run for Congress, if his friends desire.

Hon. Benjamin H. Hall, of Troy, declines to be a candidate for the nomination for Auditor of the Canal Department.

A bill is before the Minnesota Legislature making twelve per cent. the maximum legal rate of interest in that State, and visiting with severe penalties its violation.

Ignatius Donnelly and the rest of the opposition members in the Legislature of Minnesota are endeavoring to organize a bran-new anti-monopoly party, that shall monopolize all the offices in the State.

The Kansas House has passed a bill making it a misdemeanor for a member of the Legislature, or any State, county, or township officer, to accept a railroad pass. The bill prescribes fines of from $100 to $1,000 for its violation.

Boston is not yet satisfied, and is now talking about absorbing the towns of Quincy, Milton, Hyde Park, Dedham, Needham, Newton, Brookline, Somerville, Watertown, Cambridge, Chelsea, Everett, Revere, and Winthrop.

The Dover *Enquirer* says that all the New-Hampshire Republicans of any consequence who joined in the "Liberal" movement of 1872 have come back into the Republican ranks, and are now in hearty support of the regular party ticket.

The Legislature of Pennsylvania, under the provisions of the new constitution, has passed a law providing for the election of a Lieutenant Governor of the State in November. He is to receive a salary of $3,000 per annum, and to be elected for a term of four years.

The Rochester *Democrat* rejoices greatly at the result of the charter election in that city. Speaking of and for the Republicans, it says: "The field is ours, fairly won, and will be permanently possessed. Our ticket represented, as it should represent, something more than Republicanism. Springing from the Republican Party, and conforming to its platform, it also emphasized in its personality the aspirations for reform and retrenchment which pervade the minds of all good citizens, and which have now found strong expression at the polls. A spotless ticket and a good cause were in harmony."

THE TEMPERANCE CRUSADE.

OHIO.

THE CLEVELAND SALOONS VISITED BY SIXTY LADIES.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, March 8.—A band of sixty women visit the principal saloons in the Eighteenth Ward daily. There are over 100 establishments where liquor is sold in that ward, and no perceptible result has been achieved; but the ladies inform each saloon-keeper that they intend to visit him until he stops the traffic, if it takes all Summer. A meeting of women is to be held on Tuesday to inaugurate a movement in the more densely-populated sections of the city, and enthusiastic gatherings in the temperance cause in different churches on the east and west sides, to-day, indicate that a great feeling on the subject is being aroused. Reports from scores of towns in this section of the State announce the vigorous prosecution of the crusade, with varied degrees of success.

PROGRESS OF THE MOVEMENT IN STEUBENVILLE.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

STEUBENVILLE, Ohio, March 8.—The war against intemperance is making some progress in this city, and the excitement is growing. A committee from the Ladies' League waited upon the druggists and asked them to sign a pledge not to sell or give away liquor except upon prescription from a regular physician, no prescription to be filled more than once; but in no instance did they receive a favorable response. While the druggists were willing to pledge themselves to sell no liquors except for medical or mechanical purposes, they objected to being put upon a footing with bar-keepers, and therefore refused to sign the iron-clad pledge. A pledge prepared by the druggists themselves, and presented to the League for approval, was promptly tabled, as not being strong enough. The physicians' pledge has also been rejected in nearly every instance, many of the doctors considering it an insult.

The ladies ask that all stores and places of business be closed from 2 to 3 P. M., to enable the proprietors and employes to attend the temperance prayer-meetings in the different churches, the penalty being the withdrawal of the custom of the temperance ladies from those who refuse to comply.

Temperance sermons were preached to-day in nearly all the churches to unusually large congregations. A mass temperance meeting is called for to-morrow evening. The praying crusade will probably be inaugurated to-morrow or on Tuesday, and exciting times are looked for. The ladies will demand unconditional surrender, and they confidently expect to close every saloon in the city.

THE MOVEMENT IN CINCINNATI—NO PROTECTION FOR RUM-SELLERS IN MORROW.

CINCINNATI, March 8.—Mayor Johnson received information to-night that the ladies of East Walnut Hills would commence their visitations to saloons to-morrow.

The following eleven members preached in favor of the women's temperance movement to-day and to-night: Rev. George B. Beecher, Rev. Hugh Smythe, Rev. A. B. Morey, Rev. Dr. N. West, Rev. Dr. Thomas Shurrer, Rev. Mr. Ledyard of Mount Auburn, all of the Presbyterian Church; Rev. A. B. Leonard, Rev. Dr. R. M. Hatfield, Rev. W. J. Fee, of the Methodist Church; Rev. W. B. Benedict, of the Mount Auburn Baptist Church, and Rev. C. Griffiths, of the Welsh Congregational Church.

An immense audience attended the Union Temperance Service at the Broadway Presbyterian Church to-night, crowding even all the standing room.

A special dispatch to the *Gazette* reports immense temperance meetings to-night at Zanesville, Ohio, and Madison, Ind.

Reports from small towns where the work has begun state that it is unabated.

Judge Smith, of Warren [County, yesterday dissolved the order restraining the ladies of the town of Morrow from praying in front of the saloons, and refused an injunction on the ground that the petitioners were engaged in the business of violating the law, and could have no protection of the law in its violation.

The women in Marietta commenced work yesterday.

In Dayton visitations were stopped yesterday, but will be resumed to-morrow. The ladies in Cincinnati meet again to-morrow afternoon. There is no probability of an immediate commencement of work in the heart of this city. Definite action will not, probably, be taken for several days.

Rev. Charles Hermann, of the German Protestant Church, of Hamilton, Ohio, preached vigorously against the movement.

MASS-MEETING IN COLUMBUS.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, March 8.—In the majority of the churches in this city to-night there were no services, the congregations joining in the largest mass-meeting of the temperance campaign. The City Hall was packed full. The seats were placed close together, and the open space left was packed with auditors standing. Sixteen ministers were on the platform, and the speeches—all in favor of the movement—were the most earnest yet delivered. An accurate census shows that there are 320 places in Columbus where liquor is sold. This includes drug stores, wholesale establishments, groceries, saloons, and houses of prostitution.

OPERATIONS IN EASTERN OHIO.

PITTSBURG, Penn., March 8.—At Ashland, Ohio, yesterday, the ladies, headed by Mrs. Stewart, moved on the liquor-saloons. The three druggists of the place received them kindly and signed the pledge. They were allowed to sing and pray in the hotels, but got no signatures. All the saloons were visited in the evening and the ladies were permitted to pray in all but that of D. Guth. The ladies withdrew to the sidewalk where, kneeling in the mud, they offered up prayers for his conversion.

At Crestline, Ohio, the ladies feel much encouraged by their reception at the hands of the hotel and saloon keepers yesterday. When they paid their first visit none signed the pledge, but all promised to consider the matter, and invited the praying band to call again. One saloon keeper said he preferred to keep a temperance restaurant, and would do so if he could sell his stock of liquors.

The relics of the last saloon in Cadiz were put up at auction by the ladies of the Temperance League yesterday afternoon, for the benefit of the cause. The Government license sold for $100, an old funnel for $15, a pint flask $11, a cork-screw $7, a broken glass $5, and a large number of flasks and bottles at from fifty cents to $3 each. The town is wild with rejoicing.

At Ada, O., the movement is now in full progress. Prayer meetings were held yesterday in two saloons and in the street in front of two others. A meeting was held in the saloon of Wm. Stroup last evening at his request. The best citizens indorse the cause. There is great excitement.

The druggists at Loudonville, Ohio, have all succumbed to the pleading of the temperance women, who are now nearly ready to attend to the saloon-keepers. Prayer-meetings are held day and evening in all the churches.

At Bucyrus, Ohio, $50,000 have been subscribed to aid the ladies in putting down the liquor traffic.

Much excitement prevails among the twenty rum-sellers in Upper Sandusky, Ohio, who have been notified that the praying bands will visit them to-morrow. Meetings for prayer have been held day and night for two weeks past, and $60,000 subscribed to aid the woman's cause.

The ladies of Lima, Ohio, have perfected their organization, and telegraphed for Mrs. Stewart to come and lead them. A very large meeting was held in the Methodist Church there this evening. The saloons will most likely be visited to-morrow or next day.

PENNSYLVANIA.

THE SUNDAY LAW IN PHILADELPHIA.

PHILADELPHIA, March 8.—Saloon-keepers generally closed their doors to-day, but it is believed there was much underhand side-door business transacted.

TEMPERANCE MEETINGS.

PHILADELPHIA, March 8.—A number of temperance meetings were held in this city to-day. One at the Assembly Buildings was addressed by Mrs. Doctor French, who led the crusaders here recently. She alluded to the closing of the taverns here to-day, and said the attention of the authorities should now be directed to the enforcement of the act prohibiting the sale of liquors to minors, who are one-third of the drinkers.

LOCAL MOVEMENTS.

MEETING IN THE CHURCH OF THE STRANGERS.

The union temperance prayer-meeting, which was held at 4 P. M. yesterday in the chapel of the Church of the Strangers, was largely attended by ladies. Mr. A. T. McMullen presided. The exercises were opened by singing "Nearer, my God, to Thee," after which Mrs. Anna Smith invoked the blessing of the Almighty upon "the noble women who had volunteered to labor for the cause of temperance in this City." Mr. A. T. McMullen said that the cause was progressing gloriously, and that over one hundred persons had been induced to sign the pledge since the previous Sunday. He next read a letter from a bar-keeper, who expressed a willingness to give up his business if the temperance people would obtain him remunerative employment. Money, he said in conclusion, was required in order to prosecute a successful temperance campaign in this City. Mr. Charles Graham, the next speaker, predicted that very soon a movement similar to the one in the Western towns would be begun and successfully prosecuted in New-York City. The speaker said he knew that prohibition would be the result of the woman's movement. Mrs. Lawrence, of Boston, next spoke, and said that the women, relying upon God's promise, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures, were ready to engage in a work in the City of New-York for the annihilation of rum shops, and when they once begun work they did not propose to stop until every liquor saloon was closed. She graphically portrayed the evil results of intemperance, and said that very little poverty would exist in our midst if prohibition were the law of the land. After another address a collection was taken up, and the meeting soon after adjourned. Previous to the adjournment quite a number of gentlemen and ladies signed the pledge.

OTHER MEETINGS.

The meeting at the Seventeenth Street M. E. Church at 3 P. M. yesterday was of an almost exclusively religious character. Rev. J. S. Inskip, who, during the past week, has been conducting a revival in this church, in the course of his remarks yesterday afternoon alluded to the temperance movement in the West as essentially a religious one, and maintained that it could not be carried on in the East except the churches would throw themselves into the strife and prosecute the work as a religious mission.

The usual Sunday afternoon temperance prayer-meeting was held in the Forsyth Street Methodist Episcopal Church yesterday afternoon. A meeting in behalf of the cause was also held in the Presbyterian Chapel on Twenty-fifth street, corner of Eighth avenue. The attendance was not large and nothing of special interest transpired.

As previously announced, the ministers of this City have been invited, and will hold a conference at 2 P. M. to-day, in Association Hall, to adopt some measures looking to the advancement of the temperance cause in this vicinity. The usual weekly temperance meeting will be held in Carmel Chapel, on the Bowery, to-night.

TEMPERANCE MASS-MEETING IN HARLEM.

An out-door temperance mass-meeting was held in Harlem Park, One Hundred and Twenty-first street, at 4 P. M. yesterday. The meeting had previously been announced to take place in a distillery, corner of Third avenue and One Hundred and Nineteenth street, but the building—a low, one-story wooden structure—having been declared unsafe by the authorities, it was decided to hold it in the park. At the hour appointed nearly 1,000 persons were in attendance. Rev. W. W. Bowdich, Pastor of the Harlem Methodist Church, opened the exercises with prayer. After singing "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," Rev. W. C. Steele, Pastor of the Murray Hill Methodist Church, addressed the throng, in which he took an encouraging view of the future of the temperance movement in this City. Rev. Mr. Osterhart, of the Harlem Baptist Church, followed, stating that within a few days New-York wholesale liquor-dealers had informed him that their sales now averaged fully one-third less than they did a few weeks ago. Rev. C. C. Leigh said that the way to convert drunkards was to be charitable toward them, and to pray for them. He admired the sacrifices made and the earnestness displayed by the women in the West in behalf of the cause. Mr. James E. Watson, a convert to temperance, detailed his experience as a hard drinker, and in the name of humanity and religion, counselled his fellow men to abstain from the Vine-bewitching cup. After announcing that another meeting would be held in the Park next Sunday afternoon, the assemblage were dismissed, after singing the Doxology.

TEMPERANCE GATHERING AT HARRY HILL'S.

The doors of Harry Hill's Variety Theatre in East Houston street were scarcely opened yesterday evening at 7 o'clock, when an immense crowd of "sporting" men, who had been waiting on the sidewalk, poured into the place. These persons only formed a portion of the audience, however, which was in a measure composed of clerks and merchants as well. The attendance was quite orderly. About 7:30 o'clock, Gen. McMullen, President of the Union Temperance Society, arrived with a number of ladies, who were admitted by the private entrance on Crosby street, and conducted on the stage by Mr. Hill. However desirous these ladies may have been to participate in the meeting, it was quite evident that the greater number of them did not care that their connection with the meeting should be publicly known, for when THE TIMES reporter asked a young lady playing the piano for the names of the ladies, she answered, smilingly, "not much."

Before the arrival of Mr. McMullen, Harry Hill occupied the chair. When the temperance people entered he vacated the place, and the hymn "All Hail to Thee!" was sung for a commencement. Another hymn and a prayer followed. Then Mr. McMullen addressed the meeting, attacking intemperance from a Bible basis, quoting many passages to sustain his argument. It might seem strange, he said, that they should come to such a place to advocate the cause of temperance, but the Bible said they should go out into the highways and hedgeways and compel men to come into the right path, and they proposed to come there whenever Mr. Hill told them they might do so, and they would act just as he wished them to act. When another speaker was announced some of the assemblage cried "go it next."

Mr. Lawrence then came forward and read a number of letters addressed to several influential citizens by the Temperance Association, requesting them to aid the society in its efforts to suppress the traffic in intoxicating liquors.

Mr. Ambrose Palmer next spoke in favor of temperance. He said that the reason the war against the liquor traffic was now raging in the West was because woman was oppressed. She was the sole sufferer, and thus it happened that the women of the West had made such a noble stand against the sale of intoxicating liquors. It had been said that it was vulgar in them to go into the saloons to hold prayer meetings, but he would ask if it was not more vulgar for men to go there to debase themselves by indulging in the most shameful excesses.

After an address by M. M. Pomeroy, the meeting was closed with a hymn, and the members of the Temperance Association forced their way through the crowd. When they had left Harry Hill announced that the discussion would be continued, and presently the stage was taken possession of by several persons desirous of giving the audience an opposite view of the subject. The Bible from which the temperance speakers had just quoted was employed to prove not only that the use of wine was not prohibited by the Scriptures, but that there was even a positive command in certain portions of the Old Testament to use it. The audience dispersed quietly after a time.

PROPOSED ACTION OF THE BROOKLYN R. C. TEMPERANCE SOCIETIES.

Yesterday morning, after the services were over in the St. James Cathedral, in Jay street, Vicar General Turner made an earnest appeal to the congregation in behalf of the temperance movement. He urged them to attend the great meeting to be held in the Brooklyn Academy of Music on Tuesday night, under the auspices of the Catholic Total Abstinence Union, of the Brooklyn Diocese.

A BRUTAL WAGER.

Henry Conners, aged forty-five, a resident of Montrose, N. J., made a wager last Saturday afternoon with his employer, Mr. Heick, of the firm of Heick & Vauness, hatters in East Orange, that he could drink a pint of whisky and a half gallon of lager-beer within an hour. The wager was accepted, and Conners drank the liquor at the factory between 4 and 5 o'clock. He then went out and reached home at about 11 o'clock that night, apparently in the best of health. He retired to bed, and died about 6 o'clock yesterday. Dr. Dodd, County Physician, was notified, and ordered an inquest.

THE ERIE RAILWAY AND ITS EMPLOYES.

The men engaged in the Erie Railway shops at Susquehanna have not yet all been paid for their labor during the month of January. The paymaster arrived there on the 3d inst., but the company failed to furnish him with funds sufficient to pay all the men. Nothing has yet been paid to any of the company's employes for their services during the month of February. It was not until the 7th of February that the men were paid for the month of December, while the labor performed in November was not paid for until the 5th of January. The labor for the month of October was paid on the 1st of December. Mr. Pomeroy says that the men had not asked for a pay day on the 15th of each month as incorrect resolutions having been presented to the officials of the company on the 20th of February, by a committee from the shops demanding their pay on or before the 15th of each month. It was in consequence of the refusal of the company to give the committee any satisfaction that the men went on strike on the 21 inst. On the following day the company, however, so far changed their views as to grant all that the men requested, and work was accordingly resumed.

A MURDER IN BROOKLYN.

THE FATAL ENDING OF A WIFE'S QUARRELS—INTEMPERANCE AND ITS CONSEQUENCES.

About 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon intelligence was received at the Fifth Precinct Station-house, Brooklyn, that a murder had been committed at the house No. 245 North Fifth street. Upon proceeding to the place mentioned the dead body of Mrs. Lowndes was discovered by the Police lying upon the floor in the lodgings occupied by herself and husband, Thomas Lowndes, and their two little boys, Thomas and John, aged respectively nine and seven years. Upon examination two incised wounds were found upon the body, one just over the right eye and another in the left breast. The woman had apparently been dead for some time. A TIMES reporter visited the scene of the murder, and obtained the following particulars: It appears that Lowndes and his wife were persons of intemperate habits, and were given to quarreling when intoxicated. Yesterday their disagreements culminated in her death. It was impossible to find out precisely how or why the deed was done, as there was no one present at the time except the two children. They were both taken to the station-house. The eldest said that after his father had hurt his mother he laid down and took a sleep. When he waked up he asked him where his mother was, and he replied that she was lying down by the door. The father asked whether she was dead, and he told him she was. He then sent the little boy for a pint of ale, but he brought him whisky instead, which he drank. After drinking the liquor Lowndes put on his hat and coat, and went out. It was afterwards learned that before going away from the neighborhood he borrowed twenty-five cents from a friend across the way. A Mrs. Armstrong, who lives on the upper floor of the same house, heard

THE REAL ESTATE MARKET.

The sales held during the past week have been quite numerous, but none of them of any special importance, being nearly all consummated under court orders, and in most instances involving the sale of low-priced property. The Exchange sales have been well attended, however, during the week, and considerable interest has been manifested in the transactions from day to day. The total value of real estate disposed of for the week ending with Saturday, March 7, amounts to $238,070, as against $218,863, the figures for the previous week. The market for property at private contract continues strong but rather dull and inactive, for when sales are effected good figures are generally reported, and the transfers as published each day would indicate for the time of year only a fair amount of business being done. Building matters show an improvement, and there are signs of an increased business in this branch of trade this Spring. In the list of new buildings last published, it was shown that plans for nearly sixty new houses had been approved within the six days covered by the report, involving an expenditure of some $1,260,000. The rental business is quite active, and the demand for low-priced dwellings, strong. For high-priced residences somewhat lower rates are being required, but for well-located business property and offices the old rates are fully maintained. The public sales for the present week are of interest, and as they result, to some extent will be a real strength of the market be developed, and its future for the season defined.

The auction noticed for Saturday at the Exchange, by B. P. Fairchild, namely, legal sale of a house and lot on Fourth street, near Horatio street, was adjourned to Saturday of this week.

THIS WEEK'S AUCTIONS.

During the present week public auctions will be held as noted, and special attention is called to sale of Fifth avenue lots on Wednesday by R.V. Harnett; to the sale of boulevard and Riverside Park lots by Messrs. Muller & Son on Thursday, and to the sale of Broadway lots by Hugh N. Camp on Saturday.

To-day, (Monday,) March 9.

By Oliver Bryan, at the Exchange, public auction sale of a plot of seven lots, each 25 by 100, with house and stable thereon, located in the Twelfth Ward, late North New-York, and situated on One Hundred and Forty-seventh street, south-west corner of Broadway, late St. Ann's avenue, opposite Mary's Park—a valuable property. The lots will be sold separately.

By William Kennelly, at the Exchange, Superior Court foreclosure sale, Joseph Weeks, Esq., Referee, of a house with lot, 20.4 by 102.9, on East Eighty-fourth street, north side, 325 feet west of Second avenue.

By Richard V. Harnett, at the Exchange, foreclosure sale, by order of the Court of Common Pleas, Thomas H. Landon, Esq., Referee, of a frame house with lot, 25 by 100.5, on West Fifty-fourth street, south side, 435 feet west of Fifth avenue.

Tuesday, March 10.

By A. H. Muller & Son, at the Exchange, Executors' sale, by order of the executors of the estate of Elias C. Burtnett, deceased, of the four-story high stoop brown-stone front house, 17 by 66, with lot 16.9x100.5 feet deep, No. 13 West Forty-fifth street, north side, 200 feet west of Fifth avenue. Also public auction sales of the following valuable pieces of property. The four-story brown-stone-front house, 15 by 66, with lot 120 feet deep, No. 220 West Fourteenth street, north side, 350 feet west of Seventh avenue. The three-story high-stoop brown-stone-front house, with lot, 20 by 98.9, No. 109 West Twenty-seventh street, south side, 140 feet west of Sixth avenue, to be sold furnished, and subject to lease until May 1, 1875, at $9,700 per annum. The two-story and attic brick house, with lot, 25 by 100, No. 87 Amity street, north side, between Thompson and Macdougal streets, and the lot, 25 by 100, with buildings thereon, No. 35 South Fifth avenue, east side, 150 feet south of Bleecker street.

By Hugh N. Camp, at the Exchange, foreclosure sale by order of the Court of Common Pleas, Jacob T. Miller, Esq., Referee, of three lots, together in size 78 by 100 on Third avenue, north-east corner of Eighty-fourth street, with one lot, 25 by 100, in rear, fronting on street. Also Supreme Court foreclosure sale, Theodore F. Miller, Esq., Referee, of a house with lot, 25 by 94.9, on East Eleventh street, south side, 118 feet east of Avenue B.

By Joseph McGuire, at the Exchange, Executors' sale by order of the executors of the estate of Patrick Murphy, deceased, of the premises No. 38 North Moore street, south side, 125 feet east of Hudson street, embracing a lot 25 by 87.6, with a two-story brick-front house upon the front thereof, and a two-story frame house in rear; also, the leasehold premises No. 48 Beach street, south side, 100 feet west of Hudson street, comprising a lot 25 by 87.6, with a three-story and basement brick house thereon; ground rent $250 per annum. Also, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, James A. Averill, Esq., Referee, of five unfinished brown-stone-front houses and lots, with plot of land 100.5 by 70, on Madison avenue, north-west corner of Sixty-third street.

By A. J. Bleecker, Son & White, at the Exchange, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, Philo T. Ruggles, Esq., Referee, of five lots on Eighty-third street, south side, about 125 feet east of Avenue B.

By D. M. Seaman, at the Exchange, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, Edward S. Dakin, Esq., Referee, of a three-story high-stoop brick house, with lot 16.9 by 102.5, on East Seventy-sixth street, north side, 155 feet east of Third avenue.

By James M. Miller, at the Exchange, Executor's sale, by order of the executor of the estate of Maria St. John, deceased, of the two-story, attic, and basement brick house, 17.6 by 36, and lot 84 feet deep, No. 240 West Seventeenth street, south side, 310.6 feet east of Eighth avenue. Also Supreme Court foreclosure sale, T. H. Landon, Esq., Referee, of a house with lot, 63.3 by 100.11, on East One Hundred and Twentieth street, north side, 236.5 feet east of Avenue B, and a house with lot, 32 by 100, on East Twenty-first street, south side, 225 feet east of Avenue A. Also Receiver's sale, under the direction of George Caulfield, Esq., of the right, title, and interest of the American Chemical Works in the property bounded by them, located at Linden, N. J.

By William Kennelly, at the Exchange, Sheriff's sale, under a mechanic's lien, of a right, title, and interest in the three houses, with lots, each 20 by 73.5, Nos. 350, 352, and 354 East Fifty-seventh street, south side, 315 feet west of First avenue.

By Jere. Johnson, Jr., at Auction Exchange, Nos. 399 and 401 Fulton street, Brooklyn, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, Edward Daly, Esq., Referee, of six lots, together in size 145 by 86, on Washington avenue, Brooklyn, south-east corner of Degraw street.

By Quinlan & Bissell, at Auction Exchange, Brooklyn, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, Henry J. Cullen, Jr., Esq., Referee, of the two-story brick house and lot No. 134 York street, Brooklyn, and the two-story frame house and lot No. 19 Talman street, together in two lots are together in size 25 by about 150, and extend from street to street.

By J. M. Gibson, at the sales-room, No. 31 Montgomery street, Jersey City, public auction sale of a two-story and attic house, 36 by 46, with extension 20 by 20, and plot 39.7 by 102, located on Monticello avenue, Jersey City, corner of Belmont avenue.

Wednesday, March 11.

By Richard V. Harnett, at the Exchange, Assignee's sale by order of the United States District Court, under the direction of Townsend Scudder, Esq., of the very valuable plot of ground 200.10 by 150, with unfinished building thereon, located on Fifth avenue, east side, between Fifty-eighth and Fifty-ninth streets, known as the property of the Knickerbocker Hotel Company. This is one of the most desirable pieces of real estate now in the market, and it is understood that the sale, heretofore several times postponed, will now be held as noted. The auction deserves, and should receive, the attention of capitalists.

By Hugh N. Camp, at the Exchange, public auction sale of the three-story and basement brick tenement-house, 18.9 by 50, with lot 95.9 feet deep, No. 512 East Eleventh street, south side, 186.6 feet east of Avenue B.

By D. M. Seaman, at the Exchange, Receiver's sale, by order of the United States District Court, under the direction of John H. Platt, Esq., of five lots, each 25 by 100, on Eleventh avenue, west side, 40.11 feet north of One Hundred and Thirty-fourth street.

By A. J. Bleecker, Son & White, at the Exchange, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, Sherman T. Knevals, Esq., Referee, of six houses and lots located respectively on Henry, Madison, Monroe, Cherry, Water, and South street, with water rights, the lots to be sold from a rectangular strip of land 46 feet in width, extending from the centre line of the block between Henry and Madison streets to the north side of South street.

By James M. Miller, at the Court-house, White Plains, Westchester County, at 11 o'clock, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, Henry J. Cullen, Jr., Esq., Referee, of five plots of land, together containing 93 25-100 acres, located at Scarsdale, in the county named. Also, at the railroad depot, Mott Haven, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, Stephen B. Marshall, Esq., Referee, of the house, with lot 18.9 by 100, on One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street, south side, 131.6 feet east of Alexander avenue, Mott Haven.

Thursday, March 12.

By A. H. Muller & Son, at the Exchange, Executors' sale by order of the executors of the estate of Andrew Carrigan, deceased, of thirty-four eligibly located and desirable lots, comprised in the block bounded by the Grand Boulevard, Riverside avenue, One Hundred and Fourteenth street and One Hundred and Fifteenth street. The lots are situated as follows: Ten lots, each 25 by 75, on the Boulevard, west side, forming the block front between the streets named; ten lots, 25 by about 98, on Riverside avenue, east side, block front between same streets; nine lots, full size, new Mansion House and stables on One Hundred and Fourteenth street, north side, between the avenues named, and nine lots, same size, on One Hundred and Fifteenth street, south side, in rear of above. The auction is the most important attempted this year, and as the property to be disposed of is a first-class in every respect, the sale should be attended with success. The same firm will also offer at public auction the following additional valuable property: Four lots together, forming a plot in size 100.8 by 100, on Ninth avenue, south-west corner of Ninetieth street; four lots together, in size 100.8 by 100, new two-story and attic brick house and stable thereon, on Riverside avenue, south-east corner of Eighty-eighth street, and twelve lots, each 25 by 100, on East Ninety-sixth street, north side, 100 feet west of Second avenue.

By A. J. Bleecker, Son & White, at the Exchange, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, T. B. Landon, Esq., Referee, of the two-story brick factory, boiler house, &c., with three lots together in size 75 by 100.5, (rear 25,) with three lots (numbered houses to let for season next year,) Nos. 609, 611, and 613 West Forty-eighth street, north side, 175 feet west of Eleventh avenue. Also payable in parcels of four lots, each 25 by 102.2, on the Eighty-eighth street, south side, 175 feet west of Eleventh avenue.

By Wood, Brady & Todd, at the Exchange, Trustee's sale, under the direction of E. Delafield, Esq., of the house with lot 20 by 100, No. 25 Second place, Brooklyn, between Court and Clinton streets. Also at Auction Exchange, No. 399 Fulton street, Brooklyn, Trustee's sale of the two two-story and basement brick houses, with lots each 21.11 by about 75, Nos. 277 and 279 Washington street, Brooklyn, east side, between Johnson and Tillary streets. Also at same last-named Exchange, public auction sale of the premises No. 216 Sixteenth street, Brooklyn, south side, between Fifth and Sixth avenues, embracing a lot 22 by 100, and a two-story frame house, 36 feet deep, in front of a similar house, 15 feet deep, in rear.

Friday, March 13.

By A. Muller & Son, at the Exchange, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, Melvin Brown, Esq., Referee, of a house, with lot, 18.4 by 102.2, on East Eighteenth street, south side, 37.6 feet west of Fourth avenue.

By James M. Miller, at the Exchange, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, T. H. Landon, Esq., Referee, of a house, with lot, 18.9 by 100.5, on East Fifty-seventh street, south side, 137.6 feet east of Lexington avenue, and a house, with lot, 20 by 100.5, on East Fifty-seventh street, south side, 190 feet west of Second avenue.

Saturday, March 14.

By Hugh N. Camp, at the Exchange, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, G. Irving Whitehead, Esq., Referee, of one lot, 26.3 by 86.3 by 25.5 by 102.7, on Broadway, north-east corner of Fifty-fifth street and one lot, 25 by about 83, on Fifty-fifth street, 96.3 feet east of Broadway, adjoining above, in rear. Also, similar sale, Henry E. Davies, Esq., Referee, of a plot, 46.3 by 103.7 by 27.3 by 113.8, on Broadway, east side, 26.3 feet north of Fifty-fifth street, adjoining the Broadway lot above described.

By A. J. Bleecker, Son & White, at the Exchange, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, Philo T. Ruggles, Esq., Referee, of a house with lot 25 by 100, on East One Hundred and Twentieth street, south side, 125 feet east of Third avenue. Also, similar sale, P. H. Jones, Esq., Referee, of a house with lot 18.9 by 125, on Bedford street, west side, between Carmine and Leroy streets.

By James M. Miller, at the Exchange, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, E. S. Dakin, Esq., Referee, of a house with lot 25 by 100.5, on East Fifty-second street, north side, 100 feet west of Fourth avenue.

By B. P. Fairchild, at the Exchange, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, Edward Patterson, Esq., Referee, of a house and lot on Fourth street, west side, 65.7 feet south of Horatio street; lot irregular and running to Eighth avenue, 24.10 by 63.6 by 15.8 by 9.10.

By A. H. Muller & Son, at the Exchange, Executor's sale, by order of the Executors of the estate of Patrick Lynch, deceased, of the three-story brick house, with lease of lot, 18.11 by about 88. No. 239 Elizabeth street, west side, between Prince and Houston streets; term of lease fifteen years; ground rent $300, taxes, &c., per annum.

By J. C. Disoway, at Pleasant Plains Station, Long Island, at 2 o'clock, Administratrix's sale of a house, with twenty acres of cultivated land, late the residence of W. A. Spafford, deceased, located on the road leading from Pleasant Plains Station to Rossville, and within one-half-mile of depot.

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NEW-YORK.

Friday, March 6.

Beekman place, w. s., 60 ft. n. of 50th st., 20x75..... $10,000
Horatio st., s. s., 151 ft. w. of Greenwich av., 28.10x87.9..... 16,300
Hudson st., 69 ft. n. of Horatio st., 29.3x106.9x31.2 & irr..... 23,250
Water st., s. s., 122.8 ft. w. of James st., 17x75.1x16.4x75.2..... 100
Same property..... 6,000
Water st., n. s., 133 ft. e. of Coentis slip, 28.5x65, irregular on rear..... 16,000
16th st., s. s., 270.6 ft. e. of Avenue A, 18.9x90.9..... 10,500
25th st., No. 238, West, s. s., 360 ft. w. of 7th av., 15x98.9..... 15,000
53d st., n. s., 70 ft. e. of 2d av., 25.4x100.5..... 10,000
57th st., s. s., 125 ft. w. of 10th av., 25x177.11x25.7x166.6..... 10,000
76th st., n. s., 275 ft. w. of 8th av., 25x102.2..... 6,000
91th st., s. s., 125 ft. w. of Avenue A, 25x102.2..... 6,000
102d st., s. s., 125 ft. w. of 11th av., 25x100.11..... 6,000
126th st., s. s., 410 ft. w. of 3d av., 10x99.11..... 2,500
133d st., n. s., 375 ft. e. of 8th av., 40x99.11..... 500
Same property..... 500
Morris av., e. s., 50 ft. s. of 153d st., 25x100.9, Morrisania..... 3,500
1st av., w. s., extending from 124th st. to 125th st., 201.10x75; 125th st., s. s., 75 ft. w. of 1st av., 75x100.11..... 60,000
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Union square, No. 21, store and loft, 5 years, per year..... 5,000
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MAGNIFICENT LOTS,
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Eight lots, comprising the entire westerly front on the Boulevard, between 114th and 115th sts.

114TH ST.

Nine lots on the northerly side of 114th st., between Boulevard and Riverside av., with the MANSION HOUSE thereon.

115TH ST.

Nine lots on the southerly side of 115th st., between the Boulevard and Riverside av.

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Eight lots on the easterly side of Riverside av., between 114th and 115th sts., and fronting

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Seventy per cent. can remain on bond and mortgage.

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The house is four story, brown-stone front, about 90 feet in depth, including the extension, and is in perfect order.

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THURSDAY, March 12,

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EXECUTORS' SALE OF HOUSE AND LOT, NO. 13 WEST 45TH ST.

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WEST FORTY-FIFTH STREET.—The four-story brown-stone high-stoop house and lot, situate on the northerly side of West 45th st., between 5th and 6th avs., known as No. 13; house is about 60 feet deep, contains modern improvements, and finished in hard wood; lot, 17x100.5.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, Auctioneer.

VALUABLE LOTS ON RIVERSIDE AV. AND 96th st. at auction.

ADRIAN H. MULLER & SON will sell at auction on THURSDAY, March 12, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway:

RIVERSIDE AV.—Four lots, situate on the easterly side of Riverside av., commencing on south-east corner of 88th st., with two-story and attic brick house and stable thereon.

NINETY-SIXTH ST.—Twelve lots, north side, commencing 210 feet east of 3d av. Seventy per cent. can remain on bond and mortgage.

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HOUSE AND LOT, NO. 109 WEST 27TH st., to be sold at auction, with the furniture.

ADRIAN H. MULLER & SON will sell at auction on TUESDAY, March 10, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway:

WEST TWENTY-SEVENTH STREET.—The three-story high-stoop brown-stone front house and lot, situate on the north side of West 27th st., between 6th and 7th avs., and known as No. 109. House contains modern improvements. The premises will be sold with the furniture, subject to a lease, to the 1st of May, 1875, at the yearly rent of $2,700. Lot 20x98.9 feet.

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SOUTH FIFTH AVENUE.—The lot of land, with the building thereon, 15ft feet south of Bleecker street, known as No. 55; lot 25x100 feet, more or less. The property will be sold subject to a mortgage of $10,000; balance cash.

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AUCTION SALE OF HOUSE AND LOT, NO. 87 AMITY ST.

ADRIAN H. MULLER & SON will sell at auction on TUESDAY, March 10, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway:

AMITY STREET.—The two-story and attic brick house and lot, situate on the northerly side of Amity st., near Thompson st.; known as No. 87; lot 25x109 feet.

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PEREMPTORY SALE OF BROOKLYN PROPERTY.—QUIMBY & BISSELL, Auctioneers, under the direction of H. J. Cullen, Jr., Referee, will sell at public auction on TUESDAY, March 10, at 12 o'clock, at the Sales-rooms Nos. 399 and 401 Fulton st., Brooklyn, the two-story brick house and lot No. 134 York st., and the two-story frame house and lot No. 19 Talman st., only ten minutes' easy walk to three ferries.

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On the outward passage from Queenstown to New-York, Boston, crossing meridian of 50 at 43 latitude, or according to the season.
On the homeward passage, crossing the meridian of 50 at 42, or nothing to the north of 42.

THE BRITISH AND NORTH AMERICAN ROYAL MAIL STEAM-SHIPS, BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL, CALLING AT CORK HARBOR.
From New-York. From Boston.
Abyssinia, Wed'y, March 11 Batavia, Saturday, March 14
Calabria, Wed'y, March 18 Hecla, Saturday, March 21
Algeria, Wed'y, March 25 Marathon, Sat'y, March 28
Java, Wednesday, April 1 Malta, Saturday, April 4
Cuba, Wednesday, April 8 Samaria, Saturday, April 11
And every following WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY from New-York.
Rates of passage—Cabin, $80, $100, and $130, gold; according to accommodation. Tickets to Paris, $15 gold, additional. Return tickets on favorable terms. Children, $30; servants, $60.
Steerage tickets from Liverpool and Queenstown, and all parts of Europe, at lowest rates. Through bills of sailing given for Belfast, Glasgow, Havre, Antwerp, and other ports on the Continent, and for Mediterranean ports. For freight and cabin passage apply at the company's office, No. 4 Bowling green; for steerage passage, No. 111 Broadway, Trinity Building.
GEORGE YONGE,
CHAS. G. FRANCKLYN, Agent.

INMAN LINE.

NOTICE.
The course laid down for these steamers, and followed by them for several years, is fixed to pass 250 miles south of Cape Race. Although the voyage is thus lengthened about 100 miles, better weather is met with, and there is much greater freedom from fogs and floating ice, and the danger of navigation consequent thereon.
Royal Mail Steamers are appointed to sail as follows:
FOR QUEENSTOWN AND LIVERPOOL.
CITY OF MONTREAL..Wednesday, March 11, 11 A. M.
CITY OF BALTIMORE.....Saturday, Mar. 14, 2 P. M.
CITY OF RICHMOND.....Wednesday, Mar. 18, 8 A. M.
CITY OF PARIS.....Saturday, Mar. 28, 3 P. M.
and each succeeding SATURDAY and THURSDAY, from Pier No. 45 North River.
RATES OF PASSAGE.
CABIN, $70, $80, and $90, gold, according to accommodation. Round trip tickets at low rates.
STEERAGE, to Liverpool, Queenstown, Glasgow, Londonderry, London, Havre, Antwerp, Hamburg, $30. Prepaid certificates, $32, currency.
Passengers also forwarded to Sweden, Norway, Denmark, and Paris, at reduced rates.
Drafts issued at lowest rates.
For Cabin Passage and general business apply at the Company's office, No. 15 Broadway.
For Steerage Passage, at No. 29 Broadway or Pier No. 45 North River.
JOHN J. DALE, Agent.
O'DONNELL & FAULK, No. 402 Chestnut st., Philadelphia.
P. L. CREAGH, No. 102 State st., Boston.
F. C. BROWN, No. 32 South Clark st., corner Lake st., Chicago.
WM. INMAN, Liverpool, and No. 9 Rue Scribe, Paris.

WHITE STAR LINE.

FOR QUEENSTOWN AND LIVERPOOL. CARRYING UNITED STATES MAIL.
NEW AND FULL-POWERED STEAM-SHIPS.
Sailing from New-York on SATURDAYS, from Liverpool on WEDNESDAYS, calling at Cork Harbor each way.
BALTIC.....SATURDAY, March 14, 2 P. M.
OCEANIC.....SATURDAY, March 21, at 8 A. M.
REPUBLIC.....SATURDAY, March 28, at 2 P. M.
CELTIC.....SATURDAY, April 4, at 7 A. M.
From White Star Dock, Pavonia Ferry, Jersey City.
Passenger accommodations (for all classes) unrivaled, combining
SAFETY, SPEED, AND COMFORT.
Saloon, State-rooms, smoking-room and Bath-rooms in midship section, where least motion is felt. Surgeons and stewardesses accompany these steamers.
Rates—$80, $90, gold; return tickets, $140, gold; steerage, $30, currency. Those wishing to send for friends from the old country can now obtain steerage prepaid certificates, $32, currency.
Passengers booked to or from all parts of America, to Paris, Hamburg, Norway, Sweden, India, Australia, China, &c.
Drafts from £1 upward.
For inspection of plans and other information apply at the Company's offices, No. 19 Broadway, New-York.
J. J. CORTIS, Agent.

ONLY DIRECT LINE TO FRANCE.

THE GENERAL TRANSATLANTIC COMPANY'S MAIL STEAMERS BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND HAVRE, CALLING AT BREST.
The splendid vessels on this favorite route for the Continent, (being more southerly than any other,) will sail from Pier No. 50 North River, as follows:
LAFAYETTE.....DAURE.....Saturday, March 21
AMERIQUE.....ROUSSAU.....Saturday.....April 4
EUROPE.....LEMARIE.....Saturday.....April 18
LAFAYETTE.....Saturday.....May 2
PRICE OF PASSAGE IN GOLD, (including wine,) TO BREST OR HAVRE:
First Cabin.....Second Cabin.....$75
Excursion tickets at reduced rates.
American travelers going to, or returning from, the Continent of Europe, by taking this line, avoid both transit by England and the disagreeable part of crossing the Channel, besides saving time, trouble, and expense.
GEORGE MACKENZIE, Agent, No. 58 Broadway.
NOTE.—In June and thereafter, the departures will be on Thursday of every week.

GREAT WESTERN STEAM-SHIP LINE.

NEW-YORK TO BRISTOL, ENG., DIRECT.
Taking goods and passengers for London, Cardiff, Newport, Gloucester, and all ports in Bristol Channel.
The steamers of this line will sail from Pier No. 18, East River, as follows:
CORNWALL GIBSON.....Saturday, March 14
ARRAGON, WESTERN.....Saturday, March 28
GREAT WESTERN, STAMPER, to follow.
Cabin passage, $80 currency. Intermediate, $45 currency. Steerage, $30 currency. Parties wishing to send for their friends can obtain prepaid certificates. Drafts for £1 and upward. For freight or passage apply to
E. E. MORGAN'S SONS,
No. 70 South st., New-York.

EAGLE LINE.

UNITED STATES MAIL STEAM-SHIPS
TO PLYMOUTH, CHERBOURG, AND HAMBURG.
The elegant Clyde-built steam-ship
GOETHE, Capt. WILSON,
will sail on TUESDAY, March 24, from Eagle Line Pier, foot of 1st st., Hoboken.
RATES OF PASSAGE:
PLYMOUTH, LONDON, CHERBOURG, and HAMBURG, Cabin, first saloon, $120; gold; second saloon, $72, gold. Steerage to Plymouth and London, $30, currency. Steerage to Cherbourg and Hamburg, $30, gold. Prepaid tickets from Hamburg, $36, currency. For freight apply to FURCH, EDYE & CO., No. 37 South st. For passage apply to KNAUTH, NACHOD & KUHNE, General Agents, No. 113 Broadway.

FOR LIVERPOOL.
(VIA QUEENSTOWN.)
CARRYING THE UNITED STATES MAILS.
THE LIVERPOOL AND GREAT WESTERN STEAM COMPANY will dispatch one of their first-class full-power iron screw steam-ships from
PIER NO. 46 NORTH RIVER, EVERY TUESDAY, as follows:
IDAHO, Capt. MONAT.....March 10, 10 A. M.
MANHATTAN, Capt. PRICE.....March 17, 3 P. M.
MINNESOTA, Capt. BISHOP.....March 24, 10:30 A. M.
WISCONSIN, Capt. PERKINS.....March 31, 3 P. M.
Cabin passage, $80 gold.
Steerage passage, (Office No. 29 Broadway,) $30, currency.
For freight or cabin passage apply to
WILLIAMS & GUION, No. 63 Wall st.

ANCHOR LINE

Steamers sail from Pier No. 20 North River, foot of Dey st.,
every WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY.
Passengers booked at lowest rates to and from Glasgow, Liverpool, Londonderry, London, Belfast, Paris, Hamburg, Bremen, &c. Company's office, No. 7 Bowling Green, New-York. HENDERSON BROTHERS, Agents.

FOR HAVANA.
HABANA, PROGRESO, AND VERA CRUZ.
New-York and Mexican Mail Steam-ship Line,
Leaving Pier No. 3 North River, at 3 P. M.
CITY OF NEW-YORK (Havana direct).....March 12
CITY OF MEXICO, (Havana and Mexico).....March 14
CITY OF MERIDA, (Havana via Nassau).....March 19
CUBA, (Havana direct).....March 21
CITY OF HAVANA, (Havana direct)....Wed., March 25
For freight or passage apply to
F. ALEXANDER & SONS, No. 83 Broadway.

NOTICE TO TRAVELERS.
Families or gentlemen going to travel on the Continent, will find they can avoid the expense of a courier, and of Paris without one. Their servants should never leave Paris without one. Their services are invaluable in relieving the traveler from multiplied annoyances and troubles respecting passports, examination of baggage, in securing the best rooms in various parts of the Continent, Competent servants can be found at the office of the Messrs. SCOTT & CO., Bankers, No. 59 Rue Neuve des Mathurins, Paris, who will engage them for their employers, and will also receive their wages and pay their traveling expenses, if desired. Apply to J. M. HILL, General Superintendent, New-Haven.

SHIPPING.

CARDIFF LINE.

NEW-YORK TO CARDIFF.
The South Wales Atlantic Steam-ship Company's New, First-Class, Full-Powered Clyde-Built Steam-ships
Will sail from Pennsylvania Railroad Wharf, Jersey City, as follows:
ANDES.....March 7
GLAMORGAN.....March 21
PEMBROKE.....April 4
ANDES.....April 18
Carrying goods and passengers at through rates from all parts of the United States and Canada to ports in the Bristol Channel, and all other points in England.
These steam-ships, built expressly for the trade, are provided with all the latest improvements for the comfort and convenience of
CABIN AND STEERAGE PASSENGERS.
First Cabin.....$75 and $80 currency.
Second Cabin.....$35 currency
Steerage.....$30 currency
Prepaid steerage certificates from Cardiff.....$33
Drafts for £1 and upward.
For further particulars apply in Cardiff at the Company's Offices, No. 1 Dock Chambers, and in New-York to ARCHIBALD BAXTER & CO., Agents, No. 17 Broadway.

GREAT SOUTHERN FREIGHT AND PASSENGER LINE.
BY CHARLESTON, S. C.,
THE FLORIDA PORTS,
AND THE
SOUTH AND SOUTH-WEST.
SAILING SEMI-WEEKLY AT 3 P. M.,
from Pier No. 39 North River.
GEORGIA, Capt. S. CROWELL, Wednesday, March 11.
CHAMPION, Capt. R. W. LOCKWOOD, Saturday, March 14.
Superior accommodations for passengers.
Insurance by this line ONE-HALF PER CENT.
Goods forwarded free of commission.
Passage tickets and bills of lading issued and signed at the office of
JAMES W. QUINTARD & CO., Agents,
No. 177 West st., (corner of Warren,)
Or W. P. CLYDE & CO.,
No. 6 Bowling green.

Through freight tariffs. Passage tickets by all routes and to all points in the South and South-west, and further information can be obtained at the office of
BENTLEY D. HASELL,
General Agent Great Southern Freight Line,
No. 317 Broadway.

FOR SAVANNAH, GA.
THE FLORIDA PORTS,
AND THE SOUTH AND SOUTH-WEST.
GREAT SOUTHERN FREIGHT AND PASSENGER LINE.
CENTRAL RAILROAD OF GEORGIA, AND ATLANTIC AND GULF RAILROAD.
WEDNESDAYS AND SATURDAYS.
THE STEAM-SHIPS
HUNTSVILLE, Capt. CROWELL, WEDNESDAY, March 11, from Pier No. 13 North River, at 3 P. M.
R. LOWDEN, Agent,
No. 83 West st.

SAN SALVADOR, Capt. NICHERSON, SATURDAY, March 14, from Pier No. 43 North River, at 3 P. M.
WM. R. GARRISON, Agent,
No. 5 Bowling green.

Insurance by this line ONE-HALF PER CENT.
Superior accommodations for passengers.
Through rates and bills of lading, in connection with Central Railroad of Georgia, to all points.
Through rates and bills of lading in connection with the Atlantic and Gulf Railroad and Florida steamers.
GEORGE YONGE,
Agent Great Southern Freight Line,
No. 409 Broadway.

NATIONAL LINE.

NOTICE.—This Company takes the risk of insurance (up to $500,000 in gold) on each of its steamers, thus giving passengers the best possible guarantee for safety and avoidance of danger at sea.
The most southerly route has always been adopted by this company to avoid ice and headlands.
From Piers Nos. 44 and 47 North River.
TO QUEENSTOWN AND LIVERPOOL.
Italy, Wed., Mar. 11, 10 A. M. Canada, Sat., Mar. 21, 8 A. M.
Spain, Sat., Mar. 14, 1:30 P. M. Egypt, Wed., Mar. 28, 3 P. M.
FOR LONDON DIRECT.
DENMARK, Saturday, Mar. 21, 8 A. M.
Cabin passage, $70 and $80, currency. Steerage, $29, currency. Return tickets at reduced rates. Prepaid steerage tickets from Liverpool at the lowest rates. Apply at the company's office, No. 69 Broadway.
F. W. J. HURST, Manager.

NORTH GERMAN LLOYD STEAM-SHIP CO.

FOR SOUTHAMPTON AND BREMEN.
The steam-ship GRAF BISMARCK, Capt. G. MEYER, will sail on WEDNESDAY, March 11, at 3 P. M., from Bremen Pier, foot 3d st., Hoboken, to be followed by steam-ship MAIN, Capt. C. UNDEUTSCH, on SATURDAY, March 14, at 9 A. M.
RATES OF PASSAGE TO LONDON, HAVRE, AND BREMEN, payable in gold or its equivalent in currency:
First cabin.....$120
Second cabin.....72
Steerage.....30
For freight or passage apply to
OELRICHS & CO., Agents, No. 2 Bowling green.

ATLAS MAIL LINE.

BI-MONTHLY SERVICE TO HAYTI, VENEZUELA, CURACOA, MARACAIBO, JAMAICA AND COLOMBIA.
First-class full-powered English-built iron screw steamers, from Pier No. 12 North River.
For HAYTI, CURACOA, VENEZUELA, and PORTO RICO.
CLARA.....March 7
CORINTH.....April 3
For JAMAICA AND COLOMBIA.
ETNA.....March 24
ATLAS.....April 10
First-class passenger accommodation.
PIM, FORWOOD & CO., Agents,
Nos. 56 Wall and 59 Pine sts.

NEW-YORK AND HAVANA DIRECT MAIL LINE.

These first-class steam-ships will sail every TUESDAY, at 3 P. M., from Pier No. 13 North River, (foot of Cedar st.,) for HAVANA direct, as follows:
Steam-ship MORRO CASTLE, T. H. MORTON, March 10.
Steam-ship ARLINGTON, HOLMES, March 31.
Steam-ship CRESCENT CITY, T. S. CURTIS, March 17.
For freight or passage (having magnificent accommodations) apply to
WM. P. CLYDE & CO.,
No. 6 Bowling-green.
DJ. MCKELLAR, Agent in Havana.
March 31, 1873.

FOR ST. THOMAS AND BRAZIL.

THE UNITED STATES AND BRAZIL MAIL STEAM-SHIP COMPANY.
Regular mail steamers SAILING 23D OF EVERY MONTH, making close connections at RIO DE JANEIRO with the English and French Mail Steam-ships for MONTEVIDEO and BUENOS AYRES.
The splendid steam-ship ONTARIO, Capt. GEO. B. SAMPSON, will sail from PIER No. 43 NORTH RIVER, on MONDAY, March 23, at 3 P. M., calling at ST. THOMAS, PARA, PERNAMBUCO, BAHIA, and RIO DE JANEIRO, going and returning.
Elegant cabin passage to St. Thomas, $100; to Para, $150; to Pernambuco, $200; to Bahia, $210, and to Rio de Janeiro, $225, gold. Steerage limit price. EXCURSION TICKETS, good for six months, at three quarters of above rates. Freights greatly reduced.
Apply to WM. H. GARRISON, No. 5 Bowling green.

RAILROADS.

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD.

THE GREAT TRUNK LINE AND UNITED STATES MAIL ROUTE.
Trains leave New-York, from foot of Desbrosses and Cortlandt sts., as follows:
Express for Harrisburg, Pittsburg, the West and South, with Pullman palace cars attached, 9:30 A. M., 5 and 8:30 P. M. Sunday, 5 and 8:30 P. M.
For Williamsport, Lock Haven, Corry, and Erie, via Philadelphia and Erie Railroad Division, 7 P. M.
For Williamsport, 9:30 A. M., connecting at Philadelphia.
For Baltimore, Washington, and the South, at 9:40 A. M., 3 and 9 P. M. Sunday, 9 P. M.
Express for Philadelphia, 8:40, 9:30, A. M., 12:30, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8:30, 9 P. M., and 12 night. Sunday 6, 9:10, 9:30, and 9 P. M. Emigrant and second class, 7 P. M.
For Trenton at 7:20 A. M., 2, 3:10, and 6:10 P. M. Sunday 6:10 P. M.
For Newark at 6, 6:30, 7:20, 7:40, 8, 9, 10, 11 A. M., 12 M., 1, 2, 2:30, 3:10, 3:40, 4:10, 4:30, 5, 5:20, 5:40, 6, 6:10, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8:10, 10, 11:30 P. M., and 12 night. Sunday 5:20, 6:10, and 8:10 P. M.
For Elizabeth, 6, 6:30, 7:20, 7:40, 8, 9, 10, 11 A. M., 12 M., 1, 2, 2:30, 3:10, 3:40, 4:10, 4:30, 5:20, 5:40, 6, 6:10, 6:30, 7:30, 8:10, 10, 11:30 P. M., and 12 night. Sunday 5:20, 6:10, and 8:10 P. M.
For Rahway at 6, 6:30, 7:20, 8, 10 A. M., 12 M., 1, 2, 2:30, 3:10, 3:40, 4:10, 4:30, 5:20, 5:40, 6, 6:10, 6:30, 8:10, 10 P. M., and 12 night. Sunday 5:20 and 8:10 P. M.
For Woodbridge, Perth Amboy, and South Amboy, 6 and 10 A. M., 2:30, 4:10, and 6 P. M.
For New-Brunswick, 7:20 and 8 A. M., 12 M., 2, 3:10, 4:30, 5:20, 6:10, 7, 7:30, and 12 night. Sunday 6:10 P. M.
For East Millstone, 12 noon, 3:10 and 4:30 P. M.
For Lambertville and Flemington, 9:30 A. M. and 3 P. M.
For Phillipsburg and Belvidere, 3 and 4 P. M.
Accommodation for Bordentown, Burlington, and Camden, 7:20 and 9:30 A. M., 12:30, 2, 3:10, 4, and 6:10 P. M.
For Freehold, 7:20 A. M., 2 and 4 P. M.
For Farmingdale and Squan, 7:20 A. M. and 2 P. M.
For Pemberton and Camden, 8 A. M. and 2:30 P. M.
Trains arrive as follows: From Philadelphia, 2:30 A. M., 12:35 and 7:35 P. M., daily; 11:55 A. M. daily, except Monday. From Washington and Baltimore, 2:03 A. M., 5:15 and 10:27 P. M. Sunday 8:05 A. M. and 10:27 P. M. From Harrisburg, 5:22, 6:05, 9:50, 10:15, 11:55 A. M., 2:15, 5:15, 6:05, 8:44, 10:27 P. M. Sunday 5:22, 6:05, 9:50, 11:55 A. M. and 10:27 P. M.
Ticket offices, Nos. 526, 436, 271, and 944 Broadway, No. 1 Astor House, and foot of Desbrosses and Cortlandt sts. Emigrant Ticket-office, No. 8 Battery place.
A. J. CASSATT, D. M. ROYD, Jr.,
General Manager. General Passenger Agent.

NEW-YORK CENTRAL AND HUDSON RIVER RAILROAD.—After Nov. 2, 1873, through trains will leave Grand Central Depot:

8:00 A. M., Chicago and Northern Express, with drawing-room cars through to Rochester and St Albans.
10:30 A. M., special Chicago Express, with drawing-room cars to Rochester, Buffalo, &c.
10:45 A. M., Northern and Western Express.
3:00 P. M., Albany and Troy Express, Saturday only.
4:00 P. M., Montreal Express, with sleeping cars from New-York to St. Albans.
5:00 P. M., Express daily, with sleeping cars for Watertown and Canandaigua.
8:00 P. M., Pacific Express, daily, with sleeping cars for Rochester, Buffalo, and Niagara Falls; also for Chicago, both L. S. and M. C. Railroads.
11:00 P. M., Express, with sleeping cars for Troy and Albany. Way trains as per Local Time Table.
C. H. HENDRICK, General Passenger Agent.

NEW-YORK, NEW-HAVEN AND HARTFORD RAILROAD.

After Jan. 1, 1874, trains leave Grand Central Depot (42d st.) for New-Canaan Railroad at 8:05 A. M., 1, and 5:10 P. M.; Danbury and Norwalk Railroad at 8:05 A. M., 3 and 4:30 P. M.; Naugatuck Railroad at 8:05 A. M., 12 M., and 3 P. M.; Housatonic Railroad at 8:05 A. M. and 3 P. M.; New-Haven and Northampton Railroad at 8:05 A. M. and 3 P. M.; New-Haven, Middletown and Willimantic Railroad at 8:05 A. M. and 3 P. M.; Shore Line Railroad at 8:05 and 10 A. M., 3 and 5:10 P. M. (P. M. on Sunday); Boston (via Shore Line) at 1 and 8:10 P. M. (8:10 P. M. on Sundays.)
J. T. MOODY, Superintendent New-York Division.
J. M. HILL, General Superintendent, New-Haven.

RAILROADS.

CENTRAL RAILROAD OF NEW-JERSEY.
ALLENTOWN LINE TO THE WEST.
Passenger and Freight Station in New-York, foot of Liberty st. Connects at Somerville, with South Branch Railroad; at Hampton Junction, with Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad; at Phillipsburg, with Lehigh and Susquehanna Division; also with Lehigh Valley Railroad. Direct line to Harrisburg, Pittsburg, and the West; also to Central Pennsylvania and New-York State.
WINTER ARRANGEMENT.
Commencing Dec. 1, 1873.—Leave New-York as follows:
5:15 A. M.—News Train for Easton, Bethlehem, Bath, Allentown, Mauch Chunk, Tamaqua, Wilkesbarre, Scranton, &c.
6 A. M.—Way Train for Plainfield.
7 A. M.—Way Train for Flemington, Easton, Belvidere, Mauch Chunk, Wilkesbarre, Pittston, Mahanoy City, Mount Carmel, Hazleton, Tunkhannock, Towanda, Waverly, &c. Connects at Junction with Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad.
9 A. M.—Morning Express, daily, (except Sundays,) for Easton, Allentown, Harrisburg, and the West. Connects at Somerville for Flemington, at Easton for Mauch Chunk, Tamaqua, Wilkesbarre, Scranton, &c., with through cars to Danville, Williamsport, &c.
10:30 A. M.—Way Train for Somerville.
12:40 P. M.—Express for Flemington, Easton, Bath, Allentown, Mauch Chunk, Mahanoy City, Hazleton, Wilkesbarre, Scranton, Renfrew, Columbia, Lancaster, Ephrata, Pottsville, Harrisburg, &c.
2:30 P. M.—Way train for Easton, Allentown, and Belvidere.
3:30 P. M.—Way train for Plainfield.
4 P. M.—Way train for Easton, Allentown, and Mauch Chunk. Connects at Junction with Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad.
4:30 P. M.—Way train for Somerville and Flemington.
5 P. M.—Way train for Somerville.
5:15 P. M.—Way train for Plainfield.
5:30 P. M.—Evening Express, daily, for Easton, Belvidere, Allentown, Reading, Harrisburg, Pittsburg, Chicago, &c.
6 P. M.—Way train for Somerville.
6:40 P. M.—For Plainfield.
7:30 P. M.—(Emigrant.)—For Easton.
9:15 P. M.—Way train for Somerville.
11:45 P. M.—For Plainfield.
For Elizabeth at 5:15, 6, 6:20, 6:40, 7, 7:30, 8, 8:45, 9, 9:30, 10:30, 11:15 A. M.; 12 M., 12:40, 1, 2, 2:30, 3, 3:30, 3:45, 4, 4:30, 4:45, 5, 5:15, 5:30, 5:45, 6, 6:20, 6:40, 7:15, 7:30, 8:15, 9:15, 10:30, 11:45 P. M.
R. E. RICKER, Superintendent and Engineer.
H. P. BALDWIN, General Passenger Agent.

SOUTH-SIDE RAILROAD.

NOTICE.
On and after March 2, 1874, trains will leave South 5th st., Brooklyn, as follows, Sundays excepted:
For Patchogue, and intermediate stations, at 9:30 A. M. and 4 P. M.
For Islip, an intermediate stations, at 9:30 A. M., and 4 and 5 P. M.
For Babylon, and intermediate stations, at 9:30 A. M., and 1:30, 4, 5, and 6 P. M.
For Merrick, and intermediate stations, at 9:30 A. M., and 1:30, 5, 6, and 7 P. M.
For Hempstead, Rockaway, and intermediate stations, at 9:30 A. M., and 4, 5, and 6 P. M.
Sunday trains leave Bushwick for Islip at 9 A. M.
GEO. F. CARMAN, Superintendent.

STEAMBOATS.

FOR BRIDGEPORT AND ALL POINTS ON Housatonic and Naugatuck Railroad.—Fare, $1. Steamers leave Catharine-slip at 12 noon.

NEW-HAVEN, HARTFORD, AND THE NORTH.—Steamers leave Peck-slip for New-Haven at 5:15 and 11 P. M., (except Sundays,) connecting with road.

SURROGATE NOTICES.

PURSUANT TO AN ORDER OF PETER P. Dorland, Surrogate of Putnam County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the estate of CORA LIVINGSTON BARTON, late of the town of Red Hook, in said county, deceased, are required to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, to the undersigned, Louise Livingston Hunt, one of the executors of said estate, at her residence at Barrytown, in the town of Red Hook, on or before the 24 day of September next, or in default thereof their claims will be debarred and precluded from payment by said executors out of said estate.—Dated this 27th day of February, 1874.
LOUISE LIVINGSTON HUNT,
MATURIN LIVINGSTON DELAFIELD,
CHARLES C. PINCKNEY,
ARTHUR LEARY,
CARLETON HUNT,
Executors.
PETER DORLAND, Surrogate.
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IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER OF Robert C. Hutchings, Esq., Surrogate of the County of New-York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against GRACE BURROWES, late of the city of Pau, in France, deceased, to present the same, with vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, at his office, No. 46 Wall-street, in the city of New-York, on or before the 3th day of May next.—Dated New-York, the 7th day of November, 1873.
WILLIAM JAY,
Administrator of Grace Burrowes, deceased.
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IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER OF ROBERT C. Hutchings, Esq., Surrogate of the County of New-York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against WILLIAM BLACK, late of the City of New-York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof to the subscriber, at his office, No. 92 William street, in the City of New-York, on or before the 1st day of July, 1874.—Dated New-York, the 23d day of December, 1873.
JAMES BLACK, Administrator.
SCUDDER & CARTER, No. 66 Wall street.
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS.—PURSUANT TO AN order of the Surrogate of the County of Fulton, notice is hereby given, according to law, to all persons having claims against JAMES C. KENNEDY, late of the City of Washington, in the District of Columbia, deceased, that they are required to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, to the executor of the executrix of the last will and testament of the said deceased, at his office and place of transacting business, No. 11 Broad street, in the City of New-York, on or before the 6th day of July, 1874.—Dated this 6th day of December, 1873.
HARVEY KENNEDY, Executor.
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IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER OF ROBERT C. Hutchings, Esq., Surrogate of the County of New-York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against THOMAS WHITE, late of the City of New-York, deceased, to present the same, with vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, at his residence, No. 347 Lexington avenue, in the City of New-York, on or before the 6th day of September next.—Dated New-York, the 28th day of February, 1874.
JOHN SMITH RICE.
mh2-law6mM* Executor.

IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER OF ROBERT C. Hutchings, Esq., Surrogate of the County of New-York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against PATRICK O'NEIL, late of the City of New-York, deceased, to present the same, with vouchers thereof, to the subscribers, at the office of J. C. Havemeyer, No. 229 Broadway, in the City of New-York, on or before the 1st day of June next.—Dated New-York, the 25th day of November, 1873.
J. C. HAVEMEYER,
JAMES F. HAVEMEYER,
JOHN C. HAVEMEYER,
ENOCH L. FANCHER,
Executors.
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IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER OF ROBERT C. Hutchings, Esq., Surrogate of the County of New-York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against ANNA MARIA MERRIAM, late of the City of New-York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof to the subscriber, at his office, No. 115 and 117 Nassau street, in the City of New-York, on or before the 15th day of September next.—Dated New-York, the 28th day of February, 1874.
ISAAC C. DAYTON,
Public Administrator, and Administrator of the goods, &c., of Anna Maria Merriam, deceased.
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IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER OF ROBERT C. Hutchings, Esq., Surrogate of the County of New-York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against JOHN HOLT, late of the City of New-York, deceased, to present the same, with vouchers thereof, to the subscriber at his office, Nos. 115 and 117 Nassau street, in the City of New-York, on or before the 1st day of June next.—Dated New-York, the 25th day of November, 1873.
ISAAC DAYTON,
Public Administrator, and Administrator of the Goods, &c., of John Holt, Deceased.
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IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER OF ROBERT C. Hutchings, Esq., Surrogate of the County of New-York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against ANTHONY JONES, late of the City of New-York, deceased, to present the same, with vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, at his office, Nos. 115 and 117 Nassau street, in the City of New-York, on or before the 15th day of September next.—Dated New-York, the 28th day of February, 1874.
ISAAC C. DAYTON, Public Administrator, and Administrator of the goods, &c., of Anthony Jones, deceased.
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IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER OF ROBERT C. HUTCHINGS, Esq., Surrogate of the County of New-York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against DANIEL C. KINGSLAND, late of the City of New-York, deceased, to present the same, with vouchers thereof, to the subscribers at their office, No. 65 Broad street, in the City of New-York, on or before the 25th day of March next.—Dated New-York, the 19th day of September, 1873.
CORNELIUS M. SUTTON,
WILLIAM M. KINGSLAND,
Executors.
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IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER OF ROBERT C. Hutchings, Esq., Surrogate of the County of New-York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against THOMAS WHITE, late of the City of New-York, deceased, to present the same, with vouchers thereof, to the subscribers, at their office, Room No. 23, No. 10 Wall street, in the City of New-York, on or before the 1st day of July next.—Dated New-York, the 20th day of December, 1873.
ALEXANDER W. FRASER,
JOHN O'NEIL,
Administrators de bonis non.
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IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER OF ROBERT C. Hutchings, Esq., Surrogate of the County of New-York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against ROYAL HOUGHTON, late of the City of New-York, deceased, to present the same, with vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, at his place of business, No. 396 Broadway, in the City of New-York, on or before the 25th day of April next. Dated New-York, the 25th day of October, 1873.
WILLIAM S. PATTEN, Executor.
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LOST AND FOUND.

LOST.—FRIDAY MORNING, MARCH 6, BETWEEN 43d st. and the City Hall, via Sixth avenue cars, hunting case GOLD WATCH, Stoddard's make; initials on outside. Suitable reward paid if returned to WILLIAM GRAY, No. 111 West 49th st.

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A. BOSWORTH'S
PRIVATE DANCING ACADEMY,
No. 213 5th av., corner 20th st.
Private and commercial classes now forming.

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NO EXTRA CHARGE WHATEVER.

A VERY REMARKABLE FINE PAIR OF COACH HORSES.
A pair of the noblest and finest specimens, descendants of that celebrated sire So Well, and favorably known in Western New-York.
CONSTELLATION OF MONROE,
are now offered for sale. They are six years old this coming Spring, sixteen hands and one inch high, under the standard; rich dark steel gray with black points, now commencing to dapple out very nicely; very closely matched, extremely stylish, and very extraordinary fine drivers.
SOUND AND KIND.
Their noble, fine size, beautiful color, raugey, lengthy, tasty form, stylish, lofty, majestic movement, with kind disposition, renders them one of the very best and most desirable pair of
COACH HORSES
that can be bought out of the Empire State. They can be seen at San Francisco Stables, Utica, N. Y.
HORSE FOR SALE—OVER SIXTEEN HANDS; very stylish; warranted sound and very kind. Stable, No. 208 East 20th st.
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A NUMBER OF ELEGANTLY-FURNISHED rooms, for small families, we offer at moderate prices. Grand Union Hotel, Park av. and 41st. First-class in all its appointments. G. P. & W. D. GARRISON, Managers, also Proprietors of Highland House, Garrison.

A PRIVATE FAMILY, OWNING HOUSE, WILL rent to a gentleman of quiet habits a handsomely-furnished parlor and bedroom on second floor front; use of bath if desired; location near Union square; references required. Address W., Box No. 110 *Times* Office.

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TO LET CHEAP—SMALL, NEAT FRONT ROOM, furnished, bedroom adjoining; private house; suitable for one or two persons. No. 214 West 36th st., third floor.

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LOCAL MISCELLANY.

THE EMIGRATION COMMISSION.

LEAKS AND SINECURES IN CASTLE GARDEN —ATTEMPTED REFORMS ON WARD'S ISLAND.

It has been asserted in these columns that the Emigration Commissioners spend more than one-third of their income in salaries. This is true, according to the showing of the Chairman of the Ward's Island Committee and the report of the Commissioners of Emigration.

The Treasurer's report, on page 151, shows that the salaries paid to employes at Ward's Island from Jan. 1 to May 31, 1873, (five months,) amounted to $19,998 87, at an average per month of $3,999 77. On page 188 it shows that the salaries paid to employes at Ward's Island from June 1 to Dec. 31, 1873, (seven months,) amounted to $26,536 23, at an average per month of $3,798 03. This gives a reduction per month of $201 74. Page 182 gives the amount of salaries paid to employes at Castle Garden from Jan. 1 to May 31, 1873, (five months,) at $33,631 10. The average per month is $6,764 22. Page 190 of the same document states the amount of salaries paid to employes at Castle Garden from June 1 to Dec. 31, 1873, (seven months,) to be $52,290 28, at an average per month of $7,471 32, indicating an increase of salary per month of $707 10.

These exhibits tell their own stories, and do not speak well for the economy of the Castle Garden branch of the Emigration Commission's management. Commissioner Stephenson says that some time ago he suggested a mode of retrenchment, which did not meet the views of the board. He asked for the abolition of sinecures. This he thought might be effected by the removal of the following officers:

Lorenz Canador, Deputy Superintendent, $3,000; R. Schmiedeberg, Clerk at German Society, $1,600; Alex. McDonald, Clerk at Irish Emigrant Society, $1,000; Richard Von Poser, Chief Clerk Ward's Island Bureau, $1,800; E. B. Cooney, Clerk Ward's Island Bureau, $1,600; J. H. Stanton, Clerk Ward's Island Bureau, $1,200; Ernst Thomsen, sweeper Ward's Island Bureau, $600; John G. Rute, Clerk Landing Bureau, $1,200; John T. Marselus, messenger Information Bureau, $600; John H. Brandt, Letter and Notice Clerk, $1,000; Chas. Knickenbecker, Clerk Labor Bureau, $1,200; Chas. Brice, overseer of laborers, $1,500; John Cunningham, night-watch, $912 50; Thos. Blanck, night-watch, $912 50. From and after April 1 to Nov. 1 dispense with Police. Officers at Ward's Island, six months' pay amounts to $1,174 99; Mary Foley, helper in Nursery, dispense with, $60; Bridget Dawson, helper in Nursery, dispense with, $60; Catharine Monch, helper in Nursery, dispense with, $60; Mary Welch, helper in Nursery, dispense with, $60; Ellen Nacle, helper Ward No. 1, dispense with, $60; Ann Nolan, helper Ward No. 3, dispense with, $60; Catharine Yory, helper Ward No. 7, dispense with, $60; Catharine Waesch, helper Ward No. 8, dispense with, $60; Mary Rudgers, helper Ward No. 9, dispense with, $60. Here would be a clear saving of $18,639 92. Add to this the following reduction, which the same Commissioner proposed, and the aggregate gain would foot up to $22,139 92. These are the reductions: Nicholas Fitzpatrick from $1,500 to $1,200, $300; Hubert D. Glynn, Executive Department, $2,000 to $1,500, $500; Chas. Dolan, Treasurer's Office, $800 to $500, $300; John Coonan, Landing Depot, $1,800 to $1,500, $300; Otto Heinzman, Information Depot, $1,800 to $1,400, $400; Chas. Kringer, Landing Depot, $1,300 to $1,200, $100; Alfred Cooper, Ward's Island Depot, $1,300 to $1,200, $100; Walter H. Smith, Labor Depot, $1,400 to $1,200, $200; Geo. Gardner reduced $400; and at Boarding Station, Staten Island, $900.

Commissioner Stephenson came into office May 19, 1873, and for a great part of the time since then has been Chairman of the Ward's Island Committee. He attempted, in some measure, to put into practice in the management of the Island's affairs some of his plans of economy. To begin with, it is proper that the system of free board, under which at least 100 persons were fed daily, just because they happened to be employes, or helpers, such as boatmen, mechanics, and others. The requisitions used to show, in those days, demands for such articles of food per month. These are now reduced to two. They are only for patients' consumption. Then, too, employes were allowed to go to the Island store-room and purchase, at an advance of ten per cent. on the cost price, anything they wanted. Now, nobody on the Island can buy any article in their supply store. The system of free board has been replaced by another, which the Commissioner deems more advantageous. Mrs. Murphy is allowed to hold the dining-hall rent free, with coal and gas, and to board the clerks and others—twenty-eight in all—for forty-eight cents each a day. This sum has been added to their salaries, and the boarding mistress gets her goods from New-York stores exclusively. As a further attempt at economy here, the Chairman never recommended a successor for Superintendent Wells, who resigned Oct. 1, 1873. His Deputy, Col. Krehbiel, assisted by the out-door labor foreman, Mr. Horton, perform the duties without increase of salaries, thereby saving the Superintendent's salary, which was $3,000 a year, free board, house, gas, and fuel. Two clerkships—one drawing $1,200 and the other $600 a year—have been abolished as useless. The Physician in Chief's salary of $3,500 has been reduced to $2,500; the day policeman, appointed formerly by the Commissioners at $45 a month, has been removed; the duties of his assistant, a night-watchman, with a salary of $30, has been discontinued; two wards have been consolidated and orderlies' wages of $36 a month saved, and other minor help, drawing in all $72 monthly, have been dispensed with, all which will account for the reductions of expenses shown in the report. But these efforts are materially impeded and weakened by the action of the commission as a body.

Last year the board was run more by the two presidents than by any of the State Commissioners. Now it is said that the Superintendent, Mr. Webster, holds the controlling power, while at the same time Mr. Garret Bergen, the treasurer, purchases the supplies, certifies and audits the bills, and draws checks for their payment. When the proposition to give to these remarkable powers was made in the Board, Commissioner Stephenson objected, on the ground that, while he did not think Mr. Bergen dishonest, it was wrong in principle to endow him or any man with such power, as it opened the door for gigantic fraud. His objection was overruled, however.

Another great barrier to the practice of any economy in the management of the island's affairs is found in the rivalry between the German and Irish Commissioners. This is seen in the manner of sending emigrants to the barracks during the Fall and Winter.

Toward the close of the harvest the farmers cut down the wages of their hands, and the men refuse to work. Those of them whose names appear upon the manifest register at Castle Garden as emigrants come to New-York and apply to Commissioner Lynch for aid. He sends them to the Labor Bureau, where they apply for work, and failing to obtain it in two or three days go back to the Commissioners, and are sent up to the Island as destitute emigrants. They remain there all Winter, comfortably fed, clad, and sheltered, and leave in the Spring for green fields and pastures new, with a good suit of clothes upon their "derogate bodies." Prior to this year they could repeat this every fall for five years, when the privilege ended. Now they can only avail themselves of the emigrant's right for two years. The Germans pursue the same course as the Irish, merely changing the venue by applying to Mr. Kaufmann. Between this gentleman and Commissioner Lynch a spirit of generous rivalry exists, and the Superintendent of Ward's Island receives letters periodically requesting information concerning the number of each nationality sojourning in the barracks. If Irish are in the excess an order is sent to the Labor Bureau, "stop Irish; send more Germans to the island," and *vice versa*.

During the last three years and a half the majority of those sent up were avowedly vagabonds, who spent whatever they could scrape together in rum. Many of these have been known to be discharged with a good suit of clothes at their own request in the morning and be returned that evening, ragged and destitute, with new permits. They had pawned their clothes, drunk the proceeds, and applied for a new permit, which they easily obtained. The system is little better now. There are at present on the island 456 females and 639 males. Of these about 100 are "destitute men" living as above described. Many of the females are inmates of the Woman's "Lying-in Hospital and Nursery," where, by the way, if their children live, mothers can remain for two years. There is another small item of expenditure which causes some jealousy. The Roman Catholic Church burns ten tons of coal a month on the island, and the Protestant two scuttles on Sunday.

Despite the attempt at retrenchment in the Ward's Island management the increase of the expenses at Castle Garden over those of the Tammany administration brings the total outlay for the current one-third of the Commissioners' income. Commissioner Stephenson believes that all remedial efforts should be put forth in the latter department.

FREE SHOOTING ON THE EAST SIDE.

For the past few days a wild turkey has been flying about the yards between Monroe and Madison streets, and from time to time several shots have been fired at it. Yesterday it perched on a chimney in the rear of Gouverneur street. While there three shots were fired at it. Then it flew into a yard in the rear of No. 197 Monroe street. Another shot was fired, and the bird again flew away unharmed. The hunt after this time became general, and nearly all the windows in the rear of Madison and Monroe streets were raised, the occupants watching the affair with eager interest. Again the game broke cover, when a shot fired from Peterson's yard in Madison street brought it down, and a second shot killed it. The chase created considerable interest, and it was considered a marvel that some one was not injured by the bullets that were speeding all about. There were no Police officers at hand to stop the dangerous proceeding.

FIRES ON STATEN ISLAND—FOUR SMALL DWELLINGS DESTROYED.

About 1 o'clock yesterday morning a fire broke out in a three-story frame-building on Montgomery avenue, Tompkinsville, owned by John Cary, and occupied by Stephen McInerney. It was completely destroyed, together with three other buildings adjoining. One of those, owned and occupied by Emil White, was valued at $2,000, and insured for $1,300 in the Manhattan Insurance Company. One was owned and occupied by Michael McNamara, valued at $2,000, and insured for $1,500 in the Home Insurance Company, and one owned and occupied by Edward Cullen was valued at $2,000, and insured for $1,000 in the Manhattan Insurance Company. A two-story frame dwelling, owned by Mrs McMenamy and occupied by James Stamford, which was partly consumed, was valued at $2,000, and fully covered by insurance. The premises owned by Cary were valued at $2,000. It was not ascertained whether they were insured. McInerney's furniture, which was not insured, was all consumed. The furniture of the other houses was mostly saved in a damaged condition, however, by the exertion of the County and Fire Police. A fire, discovered by the Police yesterday morning, in the livery stables of Mr. Thomas Burns, on Canal street, Stapleton, was extinguished before doing much damage.

PREACHING AT STEINWAY HALL.

FAREWELL SERMON BY REV. WAYLAND HOYT.

Steinway Hall was filled last evening with a congregation assembled to listen to the farewell sermon of Rev. Wayland Hoyt, for the past year Pastor of the Baptist Tabernacle Church, corner of Second avenue and Tenth street. His text was from Matthew, the eleventh chapter, a part of the nineteenth verse, "A friend of publicans and sinners." The leading idea of the sermon was Christ's friendship for humanity. In the Jewish society which surrounded the Redeemer the publicans, or as we would call them, the revenue collectors, were looked upon with abhorrence, chiefly for the reason that they represented and consantly reminded the sensitive Jews of the hated power of Rome. For a Jew to enter into the revenue service of his country's oppressors was in their eyes the greatest of social crimes. Originally the publicans were men of fair standing in society, but the constant slander and abuse to which they were subjected had in time lowered them into a loose and degraded class. The same rule held good nowadays—if you wanted to ruin a man, to destroy his reputation. The publicans had lost their reputations, and consequently become bankrupt in character. It was no wonder that the enemies of Christ wanted to say nothing worse of any one than that he was "a friend of publicans and sinners." That, in itself, in the minds of the high-toned circles of that age was enough to stamp him as an impostor. But the truth, the absolutely pure and perfect truth, which shone through every act of Christ could safely leave itself to time. To-day we look upon His association with the poor and the despised, the beggared and the outcast, as the greatest hope and blessing of the race. In that one act of the Savior there was hope for the most degraded, light for the most benighted, and strength for the weakest and most despairing. Christ's friendship was divine. To have Christ as a friend was a miracle of divine love, which passed our understanding—the greatest boon that the all-merciful Creator had ever vouchsafed this fallen race. Friendship was the deepest, the most crying need of our nature. Mankind, divided into nations, split up into sects, and separated into countless shades and differences of character, disposition, and habits—and yet here was a heart which beat for every one of those countless myriads, a nature which had something in common even with the vilest and the most debased. How all human friendship paled before this God-like, this universe-embracing sympathy! And not only in general, but in every particular, this comprehensive Friendship worked for the good of man. This human charity which covers up the faults of a friend was rare among us; and yet how infinitesimal it was in comparison with that of Him who is charity itself. The sympathy of a friend was as grateful to the human heart as the scattered rays of summer rain upon the thirsty flowers; but what was it beside that of the Divine Friend who has Himself borne our infirmities? We need a friend to help us in our hour of trial. Who better or more certain than Jesus? We need a friend that will remain, that will stay by us. Where could we find such a one as the Teacher who has said, "I will be with you always, even unto the end of the world?" Human friends grow far apart; gradually they forget their early intimacies; though we may search them out, and endeavor to retain their society, it is gone forever. It was not so with Christ. And finally when it comes to the last great change of all, when no human ear can hear, when no human hand can save, He is with us in that valley of the shadow of death. He assists us through its dark recesses, and processes into the glorious light of immortality. In conclusion the preacher announced, in a few simple but eloquent words, the close of his pastorate, bidding his friends farewell, and imploring the blessing of the Divine friendship upon each and every one of them.

A REMARKABLE CASE.

A COLORED MAN'S DESPERATE EFFORT TO KILL HIMSELF.

A most extraordinary case of attempted suicide was developed at the Park Hospital yesterday. It appears that on Saturday morning James Cooper, aged thirty-five, a colored steward employed on the schooner Alta Vela, lying at Pier No. 6, East River, attempted to put an end to his existence by taking poison, and then shooting himself in the head three times with a revolver, but failed to cause death. From the statements made by Cooper it appears that four months ago he shipped on board the Alta Vela, which plies between this port and the West Indies. Before leaving on his voyage he made arrangements with the owners of the schooner that his wife, who lives in this City, should draw his monthly pay. This Mrs. Cooper continued to do during her husband's absence. On Friday last the Alta Vela arrived in port, and Cooper, as soon as he could get leave of absence, went ashore and called on the owners of the schooner to draw his pay, which was due on that day. He found, however, that his wife had been ahead of him and had received the money. He then went to his wife's residence and asked her for some money, of which he stood badly in need, but she received him unpleasantly and refused to give him any. This cruel treatment on the part of his wife seems to have had so depressing an effect upon Cooper that when he returned to the schooner he told some of his shipmates he was tired of living, and would commit suicide. On Saturday Cooper procured two ounces of laudanum, which he drank. The poison did not have the desired effect as quickly as the desperate man wished, so he descended to the cabin and obtained possession of the Captain's revolver. Placing the muzzle of the pistol to his right ear he discharged one chamber. The bullet entered his head, but did not seem to have affected him much. He next placed the revolver to his left ear and fired again. The bullet passed through his left ear and dropped into the water. He spat the ball out, and made another attempt to kill himself by placing the revolver close to the right side of his head. He pulled the trigger and the conical bullet entered his head. The last shot had more effect than those which had preceded it, and Cooper fell senseless to the floor of the cabin. In this condition he was found by one of the crew of the schooner. He was conveyed to the Park Hospital, when he soon regained consciousness and made a statement, the substance of which is given above. His wife was notified, and called to see him yesterday. Drs. Flubrer and Barley who are in attendance on the wounded man, say that the wounds, notwithstanding their very dangerous nature, are not necessarily mortal. They add that it is the most remarkable case of suicide that has ever been brought to their notice.

COCK-FIGHTING IN WESTCHESTER.

The main of cocks recently arranged by Messrs. Barry and Hartley, of Connecticut, and J. H. Coughlan and S. W. Shippen, of Long Island, was begun on Saturday evening at McGowan's pit, in Westchester County. The "sport" was not concluded until yesterday morning. The conditions of the main were that each side should produce seventeen birds, and fight all that fell in at weights ranging from 4 pounds 8 ounces to 5 pounds 12 ounces, for $50 a battle and $500, the odd fight deciding the main. The weighing in resulted in the matching of thirteen pairs. The affair was not very well attended, many of the patrons of this "amusement" being in wholesome dread of Mr. Henry Bergh. In the betting, which was spirited, the Connecticut fowls had the call, and odds of $100 to $80 were offered that they would win the main, with plenty of takers. The birds produced by the Long Island fanciers were a mixed lot, comprised of Lindlow, Geary and Coughlan breeds. Those pitted by the Connecticut men were a strain derived from a cross between the Derby and an imported Irish breed. Each side produced splendid birds. The first battle was between the heavy weights of the division, and the Long Island fowl won in eight minutes. In the second battle the light-weights of the division were pitted. The Connecticut chanticleer won this battle on the second fly. The Long Island fowl won the third battle, but the Connecticut fowls eclipsed this achievement by winning the five next battles. Long Island won the succeeding three fights, and the score stood six to five, Connecticut being one ahead. The excitement and enthusiasm that then prevailed among the betting men was intense. The Long Island birds won the twelfth and thirteenth battles, which decided the main in their favor by a score of seven to six. The main lasted five hours and thirty-four minutes.

TWO STABBING AFFRAYS.

On Saturday night Louis Schraf, of No. 110 Christie street, attended the meeting of a singing society, of which he was a member, at the Wallhalla Hall, in Orchard street. He met there Wolf Schirbrand, of No. 48 Eldridge street. During the meeting a quarrel occurred between Schraf and Schirbrand, which was amicably arranged by the interference of the other members of the society present. After the meeting adjourned Schraf went home, and was followed by Schirbrand, who, as Scharf was entering his residence, assaulted and stabbed him about the head and face, inflicting several severe wounds. Scharf was attended by Police Surgeon Powell. Schirbrand was arrested and locked up to await the result of the injuries. Yesterday afternoon John Shortell, aged sixteen, of No. 148 Sullivan street, and Charles McNally, aged seventeen, of No. 200 South Fifth avenue, both bootblacks, quarreled at Amity street and South Fifth avenue, and during the fight which ensued McNally stabbed Shortell in the neck with a pocket-knife, inflicting a severe, though not dangerous wound. The wounded lad was attended by Police Surgeon Walker, and sent home. McNally escaped.

A RELIGIOUS CRISIS.

VIEWS OF ERNEST RENAN ON THE EUROPEAN CONFLICT.

Writing from Paris on Feb. 18 the London *Standard* correspondent says: "The new number of the *Revue des Deux Mondes* publishes from the pen of M. Ernest Renan a paper on the conflict now going on throughout Europe, which is attracting immense attention. There is one man in Europe, we may be sure, that has very eagerly perused it—Prince Bismarck; and, no doubt, it has not escaped the attention of Cardinal Antonelli. As there are not a few of your readers who are deeply interested in the great questions raised by the Ultramontane war, some detailed notice of this paper may not be unacceptable.

M. Renan begins by setting forth that the present state of affairs is due, first, to what he describes as "the mighty individuality" of the present Pope; and, secondly, to the realization by Prussia of a "principle of political, military, and religious supremacy" through the unification of all the forces of Germany, and their concentration in her hands.

The admirers of the present occupant of the Holy See cannot complain that M. Renan fails to do him justice. Pius IX. has, he thinks, devoted himself to the consolidation of Papal supremacy and so far succeeded that "that immense edifice" was crowned in the year 1870, after three centuries of incessant labor, during which "texts were ransacked, criticism falsified, and history perverted to prove the Bishop of Rome the heir to a privilege none of the founders of Christianity ever dreamt of." The revolutionary party and the progress of anti-clerical democracy favored these extravagant pretensions: "Powerful national churches opposed an invincible resistance to the development of Ultramontane encroachments; but when the revolution succeeded in overthrowing the most powerful of these churches—*i. e.*, the Gallican Church; when philosophy and liberalism had weakened the other churches, the Court of Rome, finding no counterpoise to balance its influence, finally triumphed," but its triumph is likely to prove fatal to it. Says M. Renan:

"Assuredly, if Catholic Ultramontanism be ever destined to triumph, Pius IX. will have deserved to be called 'The Great,' and even Gregory VII. cannot be compared with him; but if, as we believe, Ultramontanism be but a road without an issue, Pius IX. is likely to be judged more severely. He will be considered as the destroyer of Catholicism. Pius IX. has done more in the history of Catholicism than Richelieu or Louis XIV. in the history of France. Just as Richelieu and Louis XIV. had rendered inevitable the bold reading feature of the French Revolution, so has Pius IX. decided that Catholicism should die in a revolutionary way, through excess of power and an abuse of principles. * * * On the 18th of July, 1870, Pius IX. proclaimed his infallibility, and no one dared to oppose or question that unprecedented assertion. On the 20th of September, 1870, Pius IX. lost that temporal power which the Ultramontanes consider as an indispensable condition of the new Papacy they dream of, and the Pope has thus made himself an impossibility, and there is no more room for the Papacy in the world of reality."

In a few pregnant sentences M. Renan exposes the fallacy, the absurdity, the impracticability of those French politicians who would put France in tow of the Vatican. He thinks, however—and therein he differs from many of his countrymen whose opinion is entitled to weight—that it is perfectly impossible any more than in days gone by, whether it were good or bad twenty-five years ago, it is out of the question now. "A Catholic policy for any French Government, be it what it may, must be a cause of inevitable and immediate collapse." Inevitable, no doubt; but, as to its being immediate, that is quite another affair. It is clear that many members of the present French Government do not agree with M. Renan as to the impracticability of a Catholic policy. M. Renan then proceeds to deal with what must, for the present, be considered the great question of the day on the Continent—the conflict between the Catholic Church and the State in Germany. He says:

"The State created in Germany by the events of 1866 and 1870 is a mortal enemy to the Papacy. Two factors have contributed to this improvised product of victory—the one is Prussia, the other is the national German party. The essence of both implies the formal negation of Roman Catholicism. Prussia, the nucleus of the new Empire, is the direct offspring of Protestantism. *Protestantism has come out of nothing*—has been her *raison d'être*. The Prussian conception of the Church subordinate to the State, for the greater good of the country, is diametrically opposed to the Catholic conception, where the sole function of the State is to be subservient to the Church, and its instrumentality in carrying out its decrees. Prussia may be described as the embodiment of a *doctrinaire* administration, founded on a philosophy which may be sound or unsound, but the fundamental points of which are the negation of theocracy. It would seem as though the Syllabus had been drawn up especially for her. * * * The second element which has contributed to the formation of the German Empire, the patriotic party, is even more hostile to the Church. The Catholics of the new German Empire and Catholicism are born enemies—there is no room for compromise—victory must decide between the two. It is not a mere superficial antipathy, a personal caprice of M. de Bismarck's, which arms against him more than two great European forces. Such an idea could only have entered the heads of short-sighted politicians unable to conceive that there are men who look before them, who do not wait for social problems to overtake them, and do not thank it prudent to rest on their laurels. The struggle is in the very nature of things—it is the 'struggle for life'—*vita Caroli, mors Conradini*. By a most striking historical coincidence the Papacy and Germany have reached at the same moment the culminating point of their pride. A terrible shock was inevitable. * * * The Council of the Vatican and thrown the conscience of Catholics into a state of fever which was not likely to have a peaceful issue. * * * And to observant minds it was obvious that the chief crisis would occur in Germany. France (I particularly direct your attention to this passage) and other kindred countries, where Catholicism is a kind of old habit, which people cling to from the very force of custom, could not but view with the utmost indifference both the new dogma and that relating to the immaculate conception. Most people whose attention was called to the rash innovations introduced into a creed set down as immutable, candidly admitted that they did not think it was anything new, and that they fancied that they had always been bound to believe what had just been promulgated. Alone, a few learned divines recoiled from excesses which their theological education taught them to repudiate. As for the masses they remained utterly indifferent to a dogma the more or the less, they took the latest decree of the Church as they took the last. The believer was prepared to admit everything—and as for the unbeliever, what did it matter to him? Among us Frenchmen the intense ignorance of laymen renders everything possible; we have no theologians, or, if we have, no one ever dreams of consulting them. In a country such as this people don't quarrel about dogmas. When a man secedes from the established faith he takes unreservedly to free thinking. Some people will consider this a deep degradation—others will view it as an improvement. There can be no doubt that in this matter France benefits by two great advantages she possesses over other nationalities. First, her excellent legislation, which enables a man to enjoy all his civic rights, apart from the established creeds. Secondly, her great indifference to religious symbols. * * * Italy takes very nearly the same view, and the agitation which prevails there just now has nothing whatever to do with the council. But for political circumstances that council would not have attracted notice, because the situation of the faithful and the sceptic is, so far as the Church is concerned, very much in Italy what it is in France. The Italian 'Averroïsm' in the middle age and the heathens of the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries reasoned exactly in the same way; superstition only affects the superstitious—*Mundus vult decipi, decipiatur*. But in Germany the effect of the Council of the Vatican was entirely different. The German Catholic who has any culture has contracted what may be called Protestant habits; he studies his religion, he discusses, he admits this, but will not admit that. By the side of the Bishop and the priest German Catholic countries have doctors in divinity, whose decisions in matters relating to faith and morals have greater authority than those of the Bishop. A lay Professor is often intrusted with the teaching of religion in public schools. It was certain that the Bishops would not accede from Catholic unity, but it was equally certain that there would be many deserters from the ranks of Doctors and Professors of Divinity. * * * These revolted divines were joined by a few erudite laymen. The protestation was conducted with decorum and gravity, and these 'Protestants' of the nineteenth century called themselves 'Old Catholics.' Of course they were quite free to do so, but we think it hardly logical for people to continue to call themselves Catholics when they reject what is the very essence of Catholicism, viz., the acceptance, by virtue of the principle of authority, of all that the Church chooses to teach. * * * The fundamental ideas of this new movement were too much in accord with those of the Prussian Government and the German Chancellor not to be cordially welcomed at Berlin. The Prussian Government thought it possible to bring its non-Protestant subjects, while retaining the name of Catholics, to cease to be dependent on Rome and submit themselves completely to the German State. The imperial Government, therefore, took the Old Catholic movement under its special protection and founded great hopes on the future of this new Church. The new Church, on its side, made no difficulties about placing itself in the dependency of the State, and at the risk of compromising its 'catholic' or universal character, confessed its purely German character. We should have nothing but praise to bestow on the German Government if it had confined itself to protecting the eminent men engaged in this new movement, and securing them all the rights and liberties of citizens. The Prussian legislation in the matter of public worship is so imperfect that to give to those dissidents a right which belonged to them it naturally became necessary to mold anew the whole of the existing law. One of the peculiarities of the existing law is that it does not admit that any man should not belong to one of the recognized forms of public worship. For all the more important acts of civil life a German is dependent on the clergy. Any individual who should secede from his Church without going over to another Church could not marry—could not have the birth of his children registered. An excommunication pronounced by the Bishop really placed the man against whom it was directed beyond the pale of the law. The new Catholic movement rendered it necessary to reform this legislation—more worthy of Turkey than an European State. There was but one course to follow—first, to secularise the registration of births, marriages, and deaths, and provide that excommunication should entail no temporal disabilities; secondly, to secularise public instruction; thirdly, to grant to the new Church entire freedom of worship, and, as its members all proceeded from the Catholic Church, to deduct from the endowment of this latter, and transfer to the Old Catholics a sum proportionate with the number of those who embraced the new faith."

M. Renan then proceeds to complain that, instead of doing this, the Prussian Government deals with the Monarists just on the same principle as Louis XIV. dealt with the Protestants; and he emphatically condemns the laws of May, 1873, which he considers as constituting an interference of an heretical State in the internal working of the Romanist Church. He thinks these measures all the more to be regretted as they are practically useless, viz.:

"To expel Bishops and parish priests is nothing, if the State have not the right to appoint others in their places; but the priests thus installed will be no priests at all in the eyes of the faithful. Their performance of mass will be a sacrilege—to demand absolution at their hands will be but an aggravation of sin. The Church of the priest thus installed by the State will be deserted. The believers will turn from it with horror, and the Freethinkers will not go there. It is evident that in matters religious Prussian statesmen have not the same acumen, the same sound judgment, as in matters diplomatic and military. The Church is a woman, and should be treated as such; to take her roughly by the arm, and give her a shaking, is not the way to bring her to terms."

M. Renan thinks that M. de Bismarck has made two rather serious mistakes. First, he certainly deceived himself as to the probable spread of the Old Catholic movement. He evidently thought that the great bulk of German Catholics, out of dislike to the dogma of infallibility, would hasten to join the new movement. Nothing of the kind has taken place. The schism is respectable from the quality of adherents, but of limited importance as to the quantity. It is a Church of many pastors, but a scanty flock—of much science and great talent, but the christenings, weddings, and funerals it celebrates are few. The second mistake which M. de Bismarck has made is serious. He has, according to M. Renan, miscalculated the degree of resistance the Romanists were likely to offer. Lucian, in his pamphlet on the "Death of Peregrinus," has pointed out the advantages which induced many men to embrace martyrdom as a profession that "paid," and there are many indoements to reconcile the German Romanist prelates to welcome persecution. Finally, he does not see how the conflict is to end:

"The worst of it is that this situation is without an issue. The Bishops cannot yield, and will not yield, and conquerors are not generally of a yielding mood. The frank adoption of the American system of the separation of Church and State would settle everything; but such a solution is not congenial to the Prussian mind. There are contingencies fraught with peril. The death of Pius IX. will materially alter the conditions of the problem, which, however, solving it. There are a good many indications that at the election which will ensue, Germany will take good care of herself. If, as is probable, she despairs of securing the return of a Pope favorable to her pretensions, she may possibly try and start something in the shape of one of those German anti-Popes, so numerous in the Middle Ages, such as Cavalous, Guibert of Ravenna, Octavianus, &c. In the present state of things, however, the interests of German patriotism are so essentially domestic that the 'universal' element cannot ever be introduced in it. On the other hand, it is ungracious on the part of a Protestant Emperor to meddle with the election of the infallible head of the Roman Church. What a mess! How much better it would have been to trust to liberty and respect for individual conscience as the safest and most efficient barrier against dangerous and exorbitant pretensions."

M. Renan's glances is the widest toleration, and the utter abstention of the State in matters religious.

THE ANGLO-FRENCH TUNNEL.

Writing from Paris under date of Feb. 19, the correspondent of the London *Standard* says: The Chamber reassembles to-day, and we are told that "serious" business may be expected; but before we plunge into the vortex of politics your readers may perhaps not be sorry to ascertain something further about an undertaking which, for very obvious reasons, is deeply interesting to all Englishmen, and when completed will certainly rank as one of the scientific wonders of this wonderful age. I allude of course to the projected tunnel between South Foreland and Cape Grisnez. I have already informed you that a company had been formed, and that the Council of State had sanctioned a bill declaring the scheme a "*projet d'utilité publique*." This is not a mere empty compliment; when a scheme is declared "*d'utilité publique*" it is empowered to purchase by means of expropriation all such lands as it stands in need of. This bill has yet to be passed by the Assembly, but the sanction of that body is so much a mere matter of course that the preliminary drawings and surveys are being actively proceeded with, and it may be anticipated that before long the work will pass from the pen and ink and paper to the pick-axe and shovel stage. The idea of a tunnel under the sea naturally strikes the popular imagination, and most people fancy that to pass under the channel requires to burrow in the bowels of the earth to depths hitherto unknown. As regards the channel this is a mistake. For instance, there will be a far smaller distance between the roof of the submarine tunnel and the surface of the water than there is between the roof of the sub-Alpine tunnel and the summit of Mount Cenis. Most Englishmen know that the Straits of Dover are much more unpleasant than they because they are so shallow. But Frenchmen and especially Parisians, are very much at sea about the sea, and fancy all manner of unpleasant things about it. In one of M. Michelet's books, *La Mer*, I believe, he describes himself looking from the shore at the Atlantic in a gale, and, getting frightened into a fever at the billows, that looked as if they wanted to swallow him up. He winds up the passage by thus addressing the sea, "*Monstre! que me veux tu?*" Well, most of his countrymen agree with M. Michelet in this respect. They are afraid of the sea, and dislike it; and the idea of traveling at express rate under that mass of surging, seething water, seems something appalling to our neighbors. A clever writer in one of the French papers endeavors to reassure his countrymen in terms which show how Frenchmen's imagination is apt to run away them:

"That one word 'sea' awakens so invincibly in our minds the notions of unfathomable caverns—dark abysses—incommensurable depths—that statements are more to set down as chimerical any attempt for a passage under the sea. This, however, is folly. Why, if the towers of Notre Dame were dragged across the Straits of Dover, in their very deepest part they would be nearly forty feet above high water mark."

The idea of introducing the towers of Notre Dame into the middle of the Channel, by way of proving that a tunnel is not impracticable, seems odd; but, as that is the kind of argument to convince Frenchmen, we must admit its appropriateness, and, at all events, agree with our French confrère when he lays down that there is nothing in the depth of the Channel to render impracticable the great design to establish a submarine isthmus between England and France.

It is hardly necessary to say that the tunnel must be excavated greatly below the bottom of the sea, so that its roof should be of such thickness as to be thoroughly impervious to water. There is, indeed, something rather awful in the idea that millions upon millions of tons of water will be weighing on the subterranean gallery. But in point of fact it is an idea and nothing more. The pressure of water on the tunnel will be absolutely *nil*, and the only pressure that will have to be provided against will be the pressure of the superincumbent earth. Moreover, it must not be forgotten that there are mines in England whose works extend for two miles under the sea, and in one of the Cornish mines the crust of earth between the workings and the water is so thin that the men can distinctly hear the rumbling of the shingle as it is rolled backward and forward by the waves. The roof of the Anglo-French tunnel, however, will be thick enough to exclude all oceanic noises; upwards of 180 feet of chalk and clay will divide the tunnel from the water. In addition, it is hardly necessary to say that it will be carefully bricked up; in short, an earthquake itself could hardly impair its safety.

It had been originally intended to construct two enormous shafts close to the shore, through which passengers and goods would have had to be let down, shipped on board the submarine train, and then hoisted up again, when they had been conveyed across. This plan has now been abandoned. It has been determined to prolong the tunnel far enough inland on both sides of the channel, so as to enable the journey to be effected without a break. A gentle incline will gradually lead the trains from the Continent to the submarine portion of the permanent way; an equally gentle ascent will land it on the shores of Britain. At some future time I shall let you know the precise spot at which the tunnel is to be commenced. But I am assured that all the practical difficulties in the execution of this astounding design may be considered as good as overcome. The greatest of all—ventilation—has, I am told, been successfully dealt with, and the execution of the tunnel now remains merely a matter of L. s. d.—a question which is certainly not insurmountable, and which will be satisfactorily solved when capitalists become convinced that the undertaking will pay.

SENATOR ELECT BRUCE, OF MISSISSIPPI.

The New-Orleans *Louisianian*, of which P. B. S. Pinchback, the colored Senator elect from Louisiana, is proprietor, and which is edited and managed entirely by colored men, gives the following sketch, more complete than any we have yet seen, of Mr. Bruce, who has been elected to the United States Senate from Mississippi, for the term beginning in 1875:

"Blanch Kelso Bruce was born in Prince Edward County, Va., March 1, 1841—moved to Marshall County, Miss., in 1851, and to Missouri in 1854. He is of mixed blood—his father being white and his mother colored. He was a slave until liberated in 1853. He had the advantages of a common school education, obtained, at Oberlin, Ohio. He returned to Mississippi in 1869, and held successively several offices of profit and trust. In this year he was appointed Register of voters in Tallahatchie County, Miss., and took an active part in the political canvass. In 1870, he was elected Sergeant-at-arms of the State Senate. In 1871, he was appointed Assessor of Bolivar County, and in the latter part of the same year was elected Sheriff and Tax Collector of said county, and, also, a member of the Board of Levee Commissioners of the county. In 1873, he was re-elected to each of these offices, in which he served, until the people, through the General Assembly, as an expression of appreciation of his capacity and fidelity, elected him on the 5th of February, 1874, United States Senator from Mississippi for the term beginning March 4, 1875. Senator Bruce is of fine address, easy, and graceful in his carriage, thoughtful and matured in his intellect, and a man of sterling and acknowledged integrity."

CITY AND SUBURBAN NEWS.

NEW-YORK.

There were relieved on Saturday at the soup-rooms of the Fourth Precinct 3,602 persons.

John McGettrick, of No. 304 Henry street, was held in $1,000 bail by Justice Otterbourg at Essex Market Court yesterday, on a charge of stealing clothing valued at $40 from his father.

The members of the Arion Society, who on Saturday night were engaged in a masquerade, met at their hall in St. Mark's place yesterday afternoon and had what they called a "blow-out." This included music, singing, and a variety of amusements.

Peter Murphy and Charles Foley, of No. 140 West Nineteenth street, became engaged in a quarrel on Saturday night about some money matters. Murphy stabbed Foley in the hand, inflicting a painful wound, for which he was held in $1,000 bail by Justice Sherwood, at Jefferson Market Police Court.

A disorderly place at No. 119 Christie street, kept by the widow of the late "Kit" Burns, whose rat pit on Water street was effectually closed by Mr. Bergh, was "raided" on by the Police on Saturday night. Sixteen persons, male and female, arrested there were committed for examination yesterday by Justice Otterbourg.

The New-York City Schuetzen Corps, an organization of German riflemen, lately formed by the members of the old Schuetzen Corps, recently dissolved, effected a permanent organization by the election of John F. Gerdes President; Secretaries, Wm. Braeckmann and F. W. Schuhmacher; Treasurer, H. Kappenberg; Finance Committee, Gen. Schoverzwaelder, Henry Bischof, and Franz Wanker.

Under the auspices of the Helvetia Rifle Club a meeting of Swiss residents was held in Fourth street yesterday, when some preliminary action was taken to make arrangements for a grand national celebration in this City some time next Summer, on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the national rifle organization in Switzerland. The proceeds of the celebration are to go to the funds of the various Swiss benevolent societies. A committee, composed of members of the different Swiss societies, was formed to take further action in the matter.

BROOKLYN

Patrick Hadden, aged thirty-five, of No. 439 Warren street, found at the corner of Warren and Nevins streets, with a dislocated shoulder, was sent to the City Hospital.

David Finn was arrested on Saturday evening, having in his possession three quarts of cream which he had skimmed from milk in the milk-house of Henry Bedell, No. 803 Gates avenue, where he had forced an entry.

On Saturday evening Patrolman Rogers, of the Tenth Precinct, recovered a small lot of property at No. 50 Forsyth street, New-York, which had been stolen from a Mr. Adams, of No. 302 Adelphi street, Brooklyn, by Henry Meyers, on the 13th ult.

John Fortrader, a German bar-tender, aged twenty-